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# Transcript of Yadvinder Singh Bhamba

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3 Government, )  
4 vs. )  
5 YADVINDER SINGH BHAMBA, )  
6 Defendant. )  
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9 AUDIO TRANSCRIPTION OF RECORDED INTERVIEW

10 OF YADVINDER SINGH BHAMBA

11 Date: May 6, 2015  
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14 SPEAKERS:

15 Special Agent Mariano Aponte

16 Yadvinder Singh Bhamba  
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20 Job No. 191166

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1 (WHEREUPON, the following was transcribed  
2 from an audio recording, to wit:)

3 SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. Mr. Bhamba, as 00:00:01  
4 I previously told you, my name is Special Agent 00:00:02  
5 Mariano Aponte. I'm a special agent with Homeland 00:00:04  
6 Security Investigations -- 00:00:07

7 MR. BHAMBA: Okay. 00:00:09

8 SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- in Miami. 00:00:09

9 MR. BHAMBA: Okay. 00:00:10

10 SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. I am going to 00:00:10  
11 be conducting the interview here today. 00:00:12

12 MR. BHAMBA: Uh-huh. 00:00:16

13 SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Also, there are 00:00:16  
14 others listening to the interview -- 00:00:17

15 MR. BHAMBA: Okay. 00:00:21

16 SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- live as we speak, 00:00:21  
17 okay -- 00:00:22

18 MR. BHAMBA: Okay. 00:00:22

19 SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- on the phone, 00:00:23  
20 okay? 00:00:26

21 To set the tone here, the way I want to 00:00:28  
22 conduct the interview right now, I want you to of 00:00:32

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1	course give me the information. I know you had	00:00:37
2	given some information before to the -- to our	00:00:39
3	representative here in Santo Domingo.	00:00:42
4	MR. BHAMBA: Yes.	00:00:44
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. And he had	00:00:44
6	related that information to us, I mean, some of it,	00:00:45
7	okay.	00:00:48
8	MR. BHAMBA: Uh-huh.	00:00:48
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: But we need to get	00:00:48
10	the full story again, and I'm sorry that you have to	00:00:49
11	repeat yourself --	00:00:51
12	MR. BHAMBA: No problem.	00:00:52
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- but we go step by	00:00:53
14	step. Remember, I don't know anything about what	00:00:54
15	you are going to tell me. So go in detail, okay.	00:00:56
16	MR. BHAMBA: Okay.	00:00:59
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: The best is if you go	00:01:00
18	slowly so I can take my notes. You may have	00:01:02
19	another -- you may have questions for me and	00:01:07
20	concerns. Okay, no problem.	00:01:09
21	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. How -- how far do you	00:01:12
22	want to go?	00:01:13

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Well, I need to know	00:01:15
2	the whole story, okay. I need to know -- first of	00:01:16
3	all, I'm going to start asking you specific	00:01:18
4	questions as to who you are, what your real name is,	00:01:20
5	and all good stuff, and then we are going to go from	00:01:22
6	there, okay. Very relaxed, you know.	00:01:25
7	MR. BHAMBA: Okay.	00:01:27
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: It is just that I	00:01:28
9	want to -- I want to explain that to you --	00:01:29
10	MR. BHAMBA: Okay.	00:01:32
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- ahead of time.	00:01:32
12	MR. BHAMBA: What do you plan, I mean, okay.	00:01:32
13	Do you plan on getting my son out and then --	00:01:34
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Listen. We are going	00:01:37
15	to discuss that. The first -- first -- first step,	00:01:38
16	okay, we are going to get the information. I'm	00:01:40
17	probably -- I'm pretty sure you don't have nowhere	00:01:44
18	to go. You have the day for us, right?	00:01:46
19	MR. BHAMBA: That's it.	00:01:48
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Listen. We break for	00:01:48
21	lunch, we break for bathroom breaks and what not.	00:01:50
22	We are going to get things accomplished, you know.	00:01:52

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1	I am committed --	00:01:54
2	MR. BHAMBA: Anything you don't understand,	00:01:55
3	you want to deal, see, coming from a different	00:01:57
4	culture, my way of saying would be a little, you	00:02:00
5	know, different.	00:02:02
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Absolutely.	00:02:02
7	Absolutely.	00:02:03
8	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. No problem.	00:02:03
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:02:03
10	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. But --	00:02:04
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: But if you don't	00:02:04
12	understand what I'm saying, I have an accent also --	00:02:05
13	MR. BHAMBA: No problem.	00:02:07
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- I'm Hispanic --	00:02:07
15	MR. BHAMBA: No, no.	00:02:08
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- you let me know,	00:02:08
17	and we will --	00:02:09
18	MR. BHAMBA: All right. I am very	00:02:09
19	comfortable, but, you know, at the same time, you	00:02:10
20	see, I'm confused a little. You see, you are	00:02:12
21	professionally, you want to know certain things. If	00:02:15
22	you are -- you want to know exactly what and what.	00:02:19

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Directly.	00:02:21
2	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. Now, I'm a little -- I	00:02:21
3	had an accident, you know, back in Ohio. There's	00:02:24
4	record of it. Because of that, I have a little bit,	00:02:27
5	you know, problem remembering names, and --	00:02:32
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Not a problem.	00:02:35
7	MR. BHAMBA: You know, go back a little bit	00:02:36
8	on dates.	00:02:37
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: To make it easier for	00:02:37
10	you --	00:02:38
11	MR. BHAMBA: Okay.	00:02:38
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Whatever you --	00:02:39
13	MR. BHAMBA: And what --	00:02:40
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: If you don't	00:02:41
15	remember, just tell me.	00:02:43
16	MR. BHAMBA: No, no. But 99 percent of the	00:02:44
17	time, I know -- recall things.	00:02:45
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:02:47
19	MR. BHAMBA: Once I see them, okay, once I	00:02:47
20	am doing things, I recall them. I know things,	00:02:49
21	okay. But my short-term memory sometimes, you know,	00:02:54
22	messes up, but my long-term memory has gone better.	00:02:56

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1	And when I say short-term memory, sometimes, okay, I	00:03:00
2	might not -- like, I have to see the place, and then	00:03:03
3	I know this guy, this guy, that guy.	00:03:05
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: No problem. That's	00:03:06
5	not a problem. That's not a problem.	00:03:07
6	So if you -- any point you don't remember	00:03:09
7	anything, just tell me --	00:03:11
8	MR. BHAMBA: No problem.	00:03:13
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- Agent, I do not	00:03:14
10	remember.	00:03:15
11	MR. BHAMBA: Okay.	00:03:15
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And that's all you	00:03:15
13	have to say.	00:03:16
14	MR. BHAMBA: Okay, sir.	00:03:18
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And before we start,	00:03:19
16	I need to advise you of your rights, okay. I am	00:03:24
17	going to read this to you, I am going to give you an	00:03:27
18	opportunity to read them. If you don't understand	00:03:30
19	any of your rights, let me know, and I will explain	00:03:32
20	them to you, okay.	00:03:34
21	This is a statement of rights. Before we	00:03:36
22	ask you any questions, it is my duty to advise you	00:03:39

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1 of your rights. You have the right to remain  
2 silent. Anything you say can be used against you in  
3 court or other proceeding. You have the right to  
4 consult an attorney before making any statement or  
5 answering any questions and may have an attorney  
6 present with you during questioning. You may have  
7 an attorney appointed by the US magistrate or the  
8 court to represent you, if you cannot afford or  
9 otherwise obtain one.

00:03:42  
00:03:45  
00:03:49  
00:03:52  
00:03:55  
00:03:58  
00:04:02  
00:04:05  
00:04:09

10 If you decide to answer my questions now,  
11 with or without a lawyer, you still have the right  
12 to stop the questioning at any time or stop a  
13 questioning for the purpose of consulting a lawyer,  
14 if you desire, okay. However, you may waive that  
15 right to advice of counsel and your right to remain  
16 silent and answer questions or make statements  
17 without consulting lawyers.

00:04:12  
00:04:16  
00:04:19  
00:04:22  
00:04:26  
00:04:29  
00:04:33  
00:04:35

18 So if you choose to, right now, you don't  
19 have to have a lawyer present, okay?

00:04:37  
00:04:39

20 This is the waiver, right here, if you  
21 decide to talk to me. I understand that you are  
22 coming here freely and voluntarily, and --

00:04:42  
00:04:44  
00:04:46

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1	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:04:51
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- is that --	00:04:52
3	MR. BHAMBA: Yes, sir.	00:04:53
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. You understand	00:04:54
5	that?	00:04:55
6	MR. BHAMBA: The thing is --	00:04:55
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: That is the case,	00:04:55
8	right?	00:04:56
9	MR. BHAMBA: That is the case, sir. The	00:04:56
10	problem is, I can have a lawyer or whatever, but	00:04:57
11	what is he going to do? Okay. I need help with my	00:05:00
12	son. If something happens to my son, I can never	00:05:02
13	forgive myself, and I am in the shit, I have to tell	00:05:05
14	and face the consequences.	00:05:09
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:05:11
16	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. If I don't tell,	00:05:11
17	something happens to me, my son, you know.	00:05:13
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. So I already	00:05:17
19	advised you to your rights and --	00:05:18
20	MR. BHAMBA: Yes.	00:05:20
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- and this is for	00:05:20
22	your protection.	00:05:21

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1	MR. BHAMBA: And I do --	00:05:21
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And you do understand	00:05:22
3	them, right?	00:05:23
4	MR. BHAMBA: Yes. Yes. I do understand.	00:05:24
5	And I do ask you one question. That you	00:05:25
6	know in light of what I am going to disclose, and I	00:05:27
7	am working -- willing to work with you, if you could	00:05:30
8	go light on me, on whatever I've done, I'm not --	00:05:32
9	you know.	00:05:37
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: This is -- this is --	00:05:38
11	let me explain to you why I am here. Okay. I'm	00:05:39
12	here -- I'm here --	00:05:41
13	MR. BHAMBA: I am willing to work with you	00:05:42
14	guys for any amount of time, whatever you want.	00:05:43
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: I want you to listen	00:05:44
16	to me. It is very important that you know why I'm	00:05:45
17	here.	00:05:48
18	MR. BHAMBA: Okay.	00:05:49
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. Came all the	00:05:49
20	way from the United States, as I told you before,	00:05:51
21	okay. I am an investigator, okay, for Homeland	00:05:54
22	Security. We are investigating and listening to you	00:05:58

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1	in conducting an investigation, okay?	00:06:01
2	Whatever information or evidence we gather	00:06:05
3	here today, I have to present it, I will present it,	00:06:08
4	to the United States Attorneys in Miami.	00:06:11
5	MR. BHAMBA: Uh-huh.	00:06:17
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay? And they will	00:06:17
7	make a determination on what they will do --	00:06:18
8	MR. BHAMBA: Uh-huh.	00:06:21
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- with the	00:06:21
10	information, okay.	00:06:21
11	I'm -- look at me as a tool, okay. I don't	00:06:24
12	make decisions, but I do make recommendations. So I	00:06:26
13	am here to gather all the facts before I sit down	00:06:29
14	with my supervisor and with the United States	00:06:32
15	Attorney, and we -- together we are going to	00:06:34
16	determine what is the best course of action in your	00:06:38
17	case.	00:06:44
18	MR. BHAMBA: Uh-huh.	00:06:44
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Whether it's -- if it	00:06:45
20	is that you are going to face charges, or not, or	00:06:46
21	whether -- or to determine in what capacity we are	00:06:52
22	going to be able to work with you.	00:06:54

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1	MR. BHAMBA: Uh-huh.	00:06:57
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay? And that's	00:06:57
3	something that I don't make the decision, I do make	00:06:58
4	recommendations, okay?	00:07:00
5	So today is very important that I get all	00:07:02
6	the information --	00:07:04
7	MR. BHAMBA: Uh-huh.	00:07:06
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- that I get all the	00:07:06
9	truth --	00:07:07
10	MR. BHAMBA: Okay.	00:07:08
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- of what happened.	00:07:08
12	It is very important. And once I get that, I will	00:07:08
13	draft my report and present it to my supervisor in	00:07:13
14	terms then to the United States Attorney's office,	00:07:17
15	and we will make a determination on how to --	00:07:19
16	listen. We work with people all the time, okay.	00:07:22
17	This is what we do.	00:07:25
18	MR. BHAMBA: Okay.	00:07:26
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: But this stage that	00:07:27
20	we are on right now, and I know you already spoke	00:07:28
21	with Agent Larko (phonetic) here before, but he's a	00:07:31
22	representative here in the country, and he's not the	00:07:34

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1	one is who's going to be investigating this case.	00:07:36
2	So you're going to be dealing with me now.	00:07:39
3	MR. BHAMBA: Okay, sir.	00:07:41
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay? So we need	00:07:41
5	to -- it's very important we gather everything. And	00:07:43
6	we may have to come here tomorrow, we may have, if	00:07:45
7	we don't get it here today. But I'm committed,	00:07:48
8	okay. I left everything that I had, my travel was	00:07:50
9	approved, and I'm -- my commitment is to be here,	00:07:53
10	and I will do everything possible within my power to	00:07:56
11	help you.	00:08:00
12	MR. BHAMBA: Okay.	00:08:01
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: If there's something	00:08:02
14	that I can't do for you, that I -- I will tell you	00:08:03
15	up front.	00:08:06
16	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. My only concern is even	00:08:07
17	if, let's say, you have to lock me up, want to press	00:08:09
18	charges or whatever, okay?	00:08:11
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:08:13
20	MR. BHAMBA: That's not a problem. Just	00:08:13
21	save my son. Get him out from there.	00:08:15
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: I do understand you.	00:08:17

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1	MR. BHAMBA: Okay.	00:08:19
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: I understand your	00:08:19
3	concern.	00:08:20
4	MR. BHAMBA: That's a --	00:08:20
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: I understand your	00:08:21
6	point (inaudible) --	00:08:21
7	MR. BHAMBA: That's the reason I'm	00:08:22
8	sacrificing whatever I have.	00:08:23
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: I see. I really	00:08:24
10	respect that, sir, okay. As a parent, also, I	00:08:26
11	respect that. And I do understand you. I want you	00:08:28
12	to be aware that I understand you, okay. I am a	00:08:30
13	parent, too, okay.	00:08:33
14	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:08:35
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And I respect that.	00:08:35
16	MR. BHAMBA: Because I failed him miserably.	00:08:37
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: I understand.	00:08:40
18	MR. BHAMBA: I have taken him over there,	00:08:41
19	and I put him in harm's way. And what good is my	00:08:42
20	life if I, you know, I can't protect my child. What	00:08:47
21	good is it. Tell it to me. What good is staying	00:08:53
22	out to me?	00:08:56

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: I see, sir.	00:08:56
2	I totally understand you, sir. And I am not	00:08:59
3	making you any promises, sir.	00:09:03
4	MR. BHAMBA: No.	00:09:04
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: I am going to be fair	00:09:04
6	to you --	00:09:06
7	MR. BHAMBA: I understand.	00:09:06
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- and I am asking	00:09:06
9	you to be truthful with you, I am going to give you	00:09:07
10	the truth. That's my job, this is what I do. But I	00:09:09
11	will relate every bit of information that you give	00:09:12
12	me, all the facts, okay, to the -- my supervisor and	00:09:15
13	the proper authorities. And I guarantee you that if	00:09:19
14	anything within our power that we can do to help	00:09:22
15	your cause, or to bring your -- if there's anything	00:09:25
16	that we can do --	00:09:28
17	MR. BHAMBA: I am willing to work with you	00:09:29
18	guys.	00:09:30
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- we will.	00:09:31
20	MR. BHAMBA: If you want to put me over	00:09:31
21	there in Mexico, I know all the groups, I can --	00:09:32
22	within -- within a couple of -- I can put a stop.	00:09:38

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1	The way you are doing it, okay, you are just putting	00:09:41
2	out a fire.	00:09:45
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:09:46
4	MR. BHAMBA: I can get to the root.	00:09:47
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: To the root.	00:09:49
6	MR. BHAMBA: And I can give you the root,	00:09:50
7	where it starts.	00:09:52
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:09:53
9	MR. BHAMBA: How to stop it. Because I have	00:09:54
10	been in this.	00:09:56
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:09:57
12	MR. BHAMBA: I know the ugly side, how it	00:09:58
13	keeps going. Just by arresting one person, who's	00:09:59
14	doing it, and, you know, the main guy who's	00:10:03
15	financing it, he finds another guy. He finds	00:10:05
16	another guy. He finds another guy, officer.	00:10:08
17	They keep going on. It will never stop. So	00:10:11
18	you can keep throwing their sources, and nothing is	00:10:14
19	okay, the way things are happening.	00:10:18
20	For all practical purposes, you know, there	00:10:20
21	are a lot of Chinese also going, Indians going, and	00:10:24
22	there is Arabic people going, too.	00:10:29

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Interesting. And we	00:10:33
2	are going to get -- and I want to get all that	00:10:33
3	information. We are going to collect it. Let me --	00:10:35
4	let's finish up with this form over here. You	00:10:37
5	understood your rights?	00:10:41
6	MR. BHAMBA: Yes.	00:10:42
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. You have an	00:10:42
8	opportunity to read them again.	00:10:43
9	MR. BHAMBA: No, it is better.	00:10:45
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And if you did	00:10:46
11	understand them --	00:10:47
12	MR. BHAMBA: Yes, sir.	00:10:48
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- what I would like	00:10:48
14	you to do is initial each line over here --	00:10:49
15	MR. BHAMBA: No, no --	00:10:51
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- that you	00:10:51
17	understood.	00:10:52
18	MR. BHAMBA: -- I understand them.	00:10:52
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And then once you	00:10:53
20	initial --	00:10:55
21	MR. BHAMBA: Sir, frankly speaking, I want	00:10:56
22	some help. And in order to get help, I know I have	00:10:58

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1 to be truthful. And, hopefully, when you go in 00:11:02  
2 front of God and confess, you know, you don't ask 00:11:07  
3 him how much are you going to award me. Let's hope 00:11:10  
4 for the best. You know, and if I have to be 00:11:12  
5 truthful to my son, I -- what good -- my life is not 00:11:14  
6 worth it. You know, he has his whole future. 00:11:18

7 SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Your initials here. 00:11:21  
8 On each line. 00:11:28

9 MR. BHAMBA: My only condition is, please, 00:11:32  
10 please, get him out. If when you start doing -- 00:11:34  
11 just don't do it, lock me up, and he's left over 00:11:36  
12 there. Then I won't be able to survive over there, 00:11:41  
13 also. 00:11:52

14 SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: This is another here, 00:11:53  
15 just clearing it, if you are not a citizen of the 00:11:54  
16 United States, you have the right to communicate 00:11:56  
17 with the consulate or embassy of your country. But 00:11:58  
18 just sign here that you acknowledge -- 00:12:04

19 MR. BHAMBA: Yes. That's no problem. 00:12:07

20 SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- that you have that 00:12:09  
21 right. 00:12:12

22 MR. BHAMBA: India is so messed up, you 00:12:13

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1	know, if I go to them now, and, you know, next day I	00:12:14
2	will be in problem over here, plus my kid was going	00:12:18
3	to be in problem.	00:12:22
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Today's date is	00:12:31
5	May 6, 2015. And the time is 11:00 a.m.	00:12:32
6	MR. BHAMBA: On the other side, when I was	00:12:51
7	over there, my fear was when I left everything. I	00:12:52
8	had about ten vehicles. Yes, I owed some money, but	00:12:58
9	I had ten vehicles when I left over there in	00:13:01
10	Columbus.	00:13:06
11	My fear of that group, that I was got	00:13:07
12	involved with, was that genuine, and I was afraid	00:13:10
13	they were -- (inaudible) lost my wife. My wife just	00:13:15
14	died in a road accident. And I didn't have anyone	00:13:20
15	to take care of my child, I couldn't take care of	00:13:24
16	the business. My fear was that genuine that they	00:13:26
17	really -- they were serious people.	00:13:29
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:13:43
19	What is your -- you showed me -- you	00:13:44
20	presented to me a passport --	00:13:45
21	MR. BHAMBA: This is not mine.	00:13:47
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- bear the name of	00:13:49

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1	Kumar --	00:13:50
2	MR. BHAMBA: Bhupinder.	00:13:51
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- Bhupinder.	00:13:52
4	MR. BHAMBA: Yes, sir.	00:13:52
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. This is not	00:13:53
6	your real name.	00:13:53
7	MR. BHAMBA: This is not my real name.	00:13:54
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. What your real	00:13:55
9	name?	00:13:56
10	MR. BHAMBA: My real name is Yadvinder.	00:13:56
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Yadvinder.	00:14:01
12	MR. BHAMBA: Y-a-d-v-i-n-d-e-r, Singh,	00:14:02
13	Bhamba, B-h-a-m-b-a.	00:14:08
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: B-h, right?	00:14:10
15	MR. BHAMBA: B-h-a-m-b-a. And date of birth	00:14:11
16	is --	00:14:14
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:14:15
18	MR. BHAMBA: -- January 9.	00:14:15
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: January 9.	00:14:18
20	MR. BHAMBA: 1959.	00:14:21
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: 1959.	
22	And you are a national and citizen of?	00:14:22

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1	MR. BHAMBA: India.	00:14:28
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: India.	00:14:29
3	MR. BHAMBA: I have lived in the United	00:14:30
4	States since --	00:14:32
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Do you have any other	00:14:34
6	nationalities?	00:14:36
7	MR. BHAMBA: No.	00:14:39
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. And you were	00:14:39
9	saying?	00:14:40
10	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. I first came -- I	00:14:40
11	studied in India, and then at the age of 20, I came	00:14:41
12	to Canada, and from Canada I crossed the boarder	00:14:50
13	into the US.	00:14:53
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Illegally?	00:14:54
15	MR. BHAMBA: Illegally.	00:14:54
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And when you were 20,	00:14:55
17	you are saying, right?	00:14:56
18	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. I would say 20, 21,	00:15:06
19	around that age.	00:15:15
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:15:19
21	MR. BHAMBA: Between the ages of 20 and 21.	00:15:21
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And you lived here --	00:15:33

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1	MR. BHAMBA: I lived in -- I lived in New	00:15:36
2	York. Elm Street, in Queens.	00:15:43
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Until when?	00:15:53
4	MR. BHAMBA: I lived over there until '86,	00:15:54
5	and then I moved to Flushing.	00:16:03
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And as -- overall --	00:16:07
7	in New York --	00:16:09
8	MR. BHAMBA: Yes.	00:16:10
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- for how long?	00:16:11
10	MR. BHAMBA: I lived over there for	00:16:12
11	something like until '91.	00:16:15
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: In '91. So you were	00:16:19
13	like, for what, ten years or something?	00:16:21
14	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah, ten years I lived out	00:16:23
15	there.	00:16:25
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Ten years.	00:16:25
17	MR. BHAMBA: Yes, ten.	00:16:26
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Sounds fair, right?	00:16:26
19	MR. BHAMBA: Ten years. And then I moved to	00:16:27
20	California, Woodland Hills. I got my papers the	00:16:30
21	first time in 19 --	00:16:34
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: In California?	00:16:36

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1	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:16:37
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And for how long you	00:16:37
3	lived in California?	00:16:38
4	MR. BHAMBA: California, I lived over there	00:16:39
5	for two years.	00:16:40
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And then what? Where	00:16:44
7	did you move?	00:16:52
8	MR. BHAMBA: Then I lived in -- then I came	00:16:53
9	back to New Jersey.	00:16:54
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:16:56
11	MR. BHAMBA: New Jersey after two years.	00:16:56
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:16:59
13	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. Then it started working	00:17:00
14	with some Indian guy, you know, he would send people	00:17:04
15	from there, from India, and I would receive them in	00:17:08
16	Miami.	00:17:15
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. So you lived	00:17:17
18	in -- you told us so far you lived in New York?	00:17:21
19	MR. BHAMBA: Yes, ten years.	00:17:24
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: You crossed the US	00:17:24
21	Canada border illegally?	00:17:26
22	MR. BHAMBA: Yes.	00:17:28

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: You resided for	00:17:28
2	approximately ten years --	00:17:29
3	MR. BHAMBA: Yes.	00:17:31
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- in New York?	00:17:31
5	MR. BHAMBA: And then two years over there.	00:17:31
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Two years in	00:17:33
7	California?	00:17:34
8	MR. BHAMBA: And then came back to New	00:17:34
9	Jersey.	00:17:36
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And then came back?	00:17:36
11	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:17:37
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: What point did you	00:17:37
13	engage in -- at which point in New Jersey did you	00:17:38
14	engage in smuggling activities --	00:17:41
15	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah, I --	00:17:44
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Human smuggling.	00:17:44
17	MR. BHAMBA: That would be around '92, '92.	00:17:45
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: 1992?	
19	MR. BHAMBA: 1992.	00:17:53
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: That's when you	00:17:54
21	first --	00:17:56
22	MR. BHAMBA: Yes. I just helped, you know,	00:17:56

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1	Prakash, (phonetic), the people, he would send them	00:17:58
2	to Miami. And from Miami I would take them to, you	00:18:02
3	know, to New York. That's it.	00:18:07
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: I'm thinking --	00:18:11
5	trying to keep up with what you are saying.	00:18:12
6	MR. BHAMBA: Okay.	00:18:14
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So thanks for being	00:18:14
8	patient.	00:18:15
9	MR. BHAMBA: From Miami I would take them	00:18:15
10	from there. And then at that times I would travel	00:18:17
11	to India and, you know.	00:18:21
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. So in 1992 you	00:18:30
13	engaged in human smuggling activities?	00:18:32
14	MR. BHAMBA: Yes.	00:18:35
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: What was your job	00:18:35
16	here? What did you do?	00:18:37
17	MR. BHAMBA: My job was, you know, if the	00:18:38
18	people carry, you know, the people, they would	00:18:39
19	deliver the people to the hotel, I would just bring	00:18:41
20	them to New York, collect the money, and, you know,	00:18:43
21	disburse the money.	00:18:48
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So someone would	00:18:50

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1	bring the --	00:18:50
2	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:18:51
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- aliens or illegal	00:18:52
4	aliens --	00:18:53
5	MR. BHAMBA: Aliens to --	00:18:53
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- to the United	00:18:53
7	States.	00:18:54
8	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. In Miami.	00:18:54
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And you didn't go out	00:18:55
10	and --	00:18:56
11	MR. BHAMBA: No, no.	00:18:57
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Once they were in the	00:18:58
13	United States --	00:18:59
14	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:19:00
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- your job was to?	00:19:00
16	MR. BHAMBA: Drop them to the home.	00:19:02
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Move them around?	00:19:03
18	MR. BHAMBA: Move them around, and take them	00:19:04
19	to the home and, you know, collect the money.	00:19:06
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And collect the	00:19:08
21	money.	00:19:09
22	MR. BHAMBA: Collect the money.	00:19:09

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: From the -- I would	00:19:10
2	assume from the family members.	00:19:11
3	MR. BHAMBA: Family.	00:19:15
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:19:16
5	MR. BHAMBA: And sometimes we didn't -- I	00:19:17
6	didn't even go, I would just check them in over	00:19:18
7	there in Miami, and they would just fly from the --	00:19:20
8	you know. In those days, there was no ID, no	00:19:23
9	nothing. Only thing was you got a boarding pass,	00:19:26
10	and that was it.	00:19:53
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. So do you	00:20:02
12	have -- are you in contact with the people that	00:20:04
13	introduced you to this business? Are they still in	00:20:06
14	business?	00:20:09
15	MR. BHAMBA: The first people who	00:20:10
16	(inaudible), yeah. They are all there, but --	00:20:12
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: We're back --	00:20:13
18	MR. BHAMBA: The first --	00:20:14
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- to '92 here.	00:20:14
20	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. The first guy who was --	00:20:15
21	his name was Afrik. Afrik. Afrik Singh.	00:20:17
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: A -- can you spell it	00:20:21

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1	for me?	00:20:27
2	MR. BHAMBA: Afrik. A-f-r-i-k. Afrik	00:20:30
3	Singh. And he used to send them, you know, from	00:20:32
4	there, and at that time, there's one guy who you	00:20:36
5	have in your system, he was caught, also. He would	00:20:39
6	also send people to me. His name was --	00:20:42
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Let me ask you	00:20:45
8	something. You said Afrik. He still operates?	00:20:46
9	MR. BHAMBA: His son does it now.	00:20:49
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: His son?	00:20:50
11	MR. BHAMBA: Son does.	00:20:51
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. And he's	00:20:51
13	operating out of where? Out of what state?	00:20:52
14	MR. BHAMBA: He, what he -- he's operating	00:20:54
15	out of India. And his son, I think one of his sons	00:20:57
16	is a citizen of something over there, and states.	00:21:02
17	And one son is -- he is a big time sort of gambler.	00:21:05
18	He was one of the main -- one of the top guns from	00:21:10
19	the '90s, all the way to 2005.	00:21:16
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Are you in contact	00:21:20
21	with Afrik or his son?	00:21:21
22	MR. BHAMBA: No. No. I'm not. I got out	00:21:22

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1	of it because I went blank for 12 years.	00:21:25
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:21:29
3	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. So I lost the contact	00:21:30
4	with him.	00:21:31
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. So Afrik.	00:21:32
6	What I am doing here, I am trying to keep	00:21:34
7	up, control and tab, and you can remember --	00:21:36
8	MR. BHAMBA: Okay.	00:21:39
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- I am laying -- I	00:21:39
10	am drawing everything out here, and then we will tie	00:21:40
11	it later on.	00:21:43
12	MR. BHAMBA: Tie it. Okay.	00:21:44
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: But we are going to	00:21:44
14	go step by step. I want to be able to understand	00:21:46
15	how everything started, okay?	00:21:48
16	MR. BHAMBA: Okay.	00:21:50
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: In 1992 you	00:21:50
18	engaged --	00:21:51
19	MR. BHAMBA: And he -- out of that, that was	00:21:52
20	another guy over here, Nick, Nick in the Bahamas, I	00:21:55
21	used to talk to him. I talked to Ken Fold	00:21:59
22	(phonetic).	00:22:03

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: You are not in	00:22:04
2	contact with him any more?	00:22:05
3	MR. BHAMBA: Nick, he got arrested, and he	00:22:07
4	did 12 years. Now he is doing business from	00:22:08
5	Guatemala or someplace like that.	00:22:12
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Still doing business?	00:22:14
7	MR. BHAMBA: He's doing -- still doing. He	00:22:14
8	did five years from -- he was picked up in Bahamas,	00:22:16
9	and he did five or ten years, and he was -- he's	00:22:22
10	still, you know.	00:22:25
11	I also worked with another guy, his name was	00:22:27
12	Mohan. He was also doing business from Bahamas.	00:22:29
13	And these old guys, you know, they were --	00:22:34
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: What was the other	00:22:36
15	name? Nick?	00:22:37
16	MR. BHAMBA: Nick.	00:22:38
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And what else, what	00:22:39
18	was the --	00:22:39
19	MR. BHAMBA: And that what Mohan. He's in	00:22:39
20	custody. He's in your custody.	00:22:41
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: How do you spell	00:22:42
22	that?	00:22:50

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1	MR. BHAMBA: He's Sri Lankan.	00:22:50
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: How do you spell it?	00:22:51
3	MR. BHAMBA: M-o-h-e-n -- a-n. And his	00:22:52
4	nickname is "doctor."	00:22:52
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: The doctor.	00:22:53
6	MR. BHAMBA: Doctor. He's in Miami custody	00:22:54
7	right now.	00:22:56
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: He's in Miami.	00:22:57
9	MR. BHAMBA: He's supposed to be able to	00:22:57
10	leave sometime this year or something.	00:22:58
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: He's in prison?	00:23:01
12	MR. BHAMBA: He's in prison. He was picked	00:23:03
13	up in --	00:23:06
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Is he in immigration	00:23:07
15	prison or he's making -- he's doing time for	00:23:09
16	smuggling?	00:23:11
17	MR. BHAMBA: No, he's doing time for	00:23:12
18	smuggling. He was picked up from the Bahamas.	00:23:13
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. The doctor.	00:23:16
20	Okay. Good.	00:23:19
21	MR. BHAMBA: He's Canadian. He's a Canadian	00:23:20
22	national, but he's a Sri Lankan.	00:23:22

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Canadian, dual	00:23:25
2	citizen -- nationality?	00:23:26
3	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:23:27
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. And Nick here,	00:23:29
5	you said that he --	00:23:30
6	MR. BHAMBA: Nick, he was in the Bahamas.	00:23:31
7	He had citizenship or something in the Bahamas. And	00:23:33
8	he did time. He was in your record. Now he is in	00:23:37
9	Guatemala. He's doing the road people. He's not	00:23:40
10	working for Bahamas no more, but he's responsible	00:23:45
11	for smuggling the people by the road from Ecuador	00:23:48
12	to -- to Mexico, and Mexico to --	00:23:57
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:24:03
14	MR. BHAMBA: There's -- this is old timers	00:24:03
15	that I know from -- I stopped everything after I got	00:24:05
16	my time. I was locked up in Miami in 1999.	00:24:09
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. Let me write	00:24:15
18	that.	00:24:19
19	So you're locked up. So when you say locked	00:24:19
20	up, you were arrested?	00:24:21
21	MR. BHAMBA: I was arrested.	00:24:22
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And who arrested you?	00:24:23

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1	MR. BHAMBA: I was arrested -- the police.	00:24:25
2	Okay. Basically, I was picking up something like 12	00:24:28
3	Indians.	00:24:33
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So what police	00:24:34
5	department, do you remember?	00:24:34
6	MR. BHAMBA: I think it was Miami Dade.	00:24:35
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And you were arrested	00:24:41
8	and charged with?	00:24:42
9	MR. BHAMBA: Human smuggling. Aiding and	00:24:43
10	abetting.	00:24:47
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Human smuggling,	00:24:49
12	okay.	00:24:49
13	MR. BHAMBA: Aiding and abetting. Because,	00:24:50
14	see, I really hadn't gone to Bahamas or anything. I	00:24:51
15	was on this side. I had just rented a van. And my	00:24:54
16	reason for going was I normally never went to pick	00:24:57
17	up anyone.	00:25:01
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:25:02
19	MR. BHAMBA: I would just transfer them once	00:25:02
20	they were over there. But this time what happened,	00:25:04
21	one of the guys got injured, and he had a broken	00:25:06
22	shoulder. And I was told to collect him, that, you	00:25:11

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1 know, and take him to the hospital. So that's why I 00:25:14  
2 had the van, and I was going to take him to the 00:25:17  
3 hospital. But when I went to the beach side, you 00:25:19  
4 know, with my lights on, one cop car came, okay, I 00:25:22  
5 had an opportunity to run, I could have taken away, 00:25:27  
6 but the guys didn't speak any English, and the cop 00:25:30  
7 was panicky. 00:25:34

8 And he said, you know, don't run. And the 00:25:36  
9 guys wouldn't listen, and they were running. And he 00:25:38  
10 panicked, seeing 12, 13 people, 14 people, you know, 00:25:41  
11 running around. And he said, I'm going to shoot. 00:25:44

12 Now, I thought that if the officer shoots 00:25:46  
13 and someone dies, I'm going to be responsible for 00:25:49  
14 the homicide, you know, the murder that happened, 00:25:52  
15 you know. Because I brought these -- I am taking 00:25:55  
16 care of them. The guy who brought them, he's gone. 00:25:58  
17 But I am over here red-handed on that. 00:26:01

18 So I decided to, you know, tell them to, you 00:26:03  
19 know, shut up, and, you know, in my language, 00:26:06  
20 (inaudible), you know, he's not going to kill you or 00:26:10  
21 anything, he's not going to harm you, just put your 00:26:12  
22 hands in the air, and he's afraid you might shoot 00:26:14

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1	him or whatever. So he's telling you to put your	00:26:18
2	hands in the air and just take it easy, and he's	00:26:20
3	going to just arrest you, and you're going to go	00:26:22
4	free, no problem.	00:26:25
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:26:26
6	MR. BHAMBA: So, and I told the officer that	00:26:26
7	these guys aren't armed, they don't understand	00:26:28
8	English, so let me translate. And that's why they	00:26:30
9	are panicky. No one has guns, no one has any	00:26:33
10	narcotics or anything, so.	00:26:36
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:26:38
12	MR. BHAMBA: So I --	00:26:38
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. Tell me a	00:26:41
14	little bit more about that. So you were arrested	00:26:41
15	by -- you think it was Miami Dade, and you are	00:26:44
16	charged with human smuggling?	00:26:46
17	MR. BHAMBA: Yes.	00:26:48
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Aiding and abetting?	00:26:48
19	MR. BHAMBA: Yes, I was in Palmdale prison,	00:26:49
20	and then I was --	00:26:51
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: What is Palmdale?	00:26:52
22	Palm Beach, you said?	00:26:53

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1	MR. BHAMBA: Palm Beach, Palm Beach, Palm	00:26:54
2	Beach.	00:26:55
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Oh, Palm Beach.	00:26:55
4	MR. BHAMBA: I was in Palm Beach prison,	00:26:56
5	then I was sent to the federal prison. I got one	00:26:57
6	year, one day.	00:27:05
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:27:15
8	MR. BHAMBA: And after that I was sent to	00:27:17
9	Krome, and from Krome I was sent back to --	00:27:18
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: (Inaudible) you pled	00:27:20
11	guilty to that?	00:27:22
12	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. I -- no contest.	00:27:23
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: No contest, okay.	00:27:25
14	But they sent you to federal prison, it was	00:27:27
15	Palm Beach prison, and then they sent you to federal	00:27:29
16	prison.	00:27:31
17	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. I did --	00:27:32
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And you did one year,	00:27:32
19	one day.	00:27:33
20	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. All in time that was	00:27:33
21	with the -- the time I did (inaudible) jail and	00:27:37
22	(inaudible) three, four --	00:27:41

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: That they credited	00:27:41
2	you for the time that you did in state.	00:27:42
3	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:27:44
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay, good.	00:27:44
5	And what happened after that?	00:27:45
6	MR. BHAMBA: They sent me back to India,	00:27:48
7	and, Afrik, he made me a passport in another name.	00:27:51
8	I applied for a visa, got a visa, under the name of	00:27:55
9	Rajinder Kumar.	00:27:59
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So you -- I would	00:28:02
11	assume that you -- after you served your time in	00:28:04
12	federal prison in Miami --	00:28:07
13	MR. BHAMBA: Yes.	00:28:09
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- they sent you to	00:28:09
15	immigration?	00:28:10
16	MR. BHAMBA: Yes.	00:28:11
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And they deported	00:28:11
18	you?	00:28:12
19	MR. BHAMBA: Deported me.	00:28:12
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. Back to India.	00:28:13
21	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:28:15
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And once in India --	00:28:15

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1	MR. BHAMBA: He gave me a passport, he --	00:28:17
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: When you say "he,"	00:28:18
3	who are you referring --	00:28:19
4	MR. BHAMBA: Afrik.	00:28:20
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Afrik.	00:28:20
6	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:28:20
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:28:21
8	MR. BHAMBA: He's sick now. And, you know,	00:28:21
9	he's in a bad way. But his son is doing stuff on	00:28:24
10	it.	00:28:28
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And this happened	00:28:28
12	what year, more or less?	00:28:30
13	MR. BHAMBA: It was in 2000.	00:28:31
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So you were arrested	00:28:33
15	in 2000 -- in '99?	00:28:35
16	MR. BHAMBA: '99.	00:28:36
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: In '99.	00:28:36
18	MR. BHAMBA: And I came out in 2000, I	00:28:37
19	think. And I was arrested 1999, in December, I	00:28:41
20	think.	00:28:45
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So in about the year	00:28:46
22	2000 --	00:28:49

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1	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:28:50
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- you were back in	00:28:51
3	India, and Afrik gave you --	00:28:52
4	MR. BHAMBA: A passport under Rajinder	00:28:54
5	Kumar.	00:28:55
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And are we referring	00:28:56
7	to this passport that I have in my hand.	00:28:57
8	MR. BHAMBA: No, no. That's says Bhupinder	00:28:59
9	Kumar, but he gave me Rajinder Kumar.	00:29:00
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Oh, it was a	00:29:04
11	different name?	00:29:05
12	MR. BHAMBA: Different name.	00:29:07
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:29:09
14	MR. BHAMBA: Rajinder Kumar.	00:29:09
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Rajinder, you said,	00:29:10
16	right?	00:29:11
17	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. R-a-j-i-n-d-e-r.	00:29:11
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Let me -- R-a --	00:29:12
19	MR. BHAMBA: J-i-n --	00:29:15
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: R-a-j --	00:29:16
21	MR. BHAMBA: I-n --	00:29:18
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:29:19

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1	MR. BHAMBA: D-e-r. Kumar.	00:29:19
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Rajinder.	00:29:22
3	MR. BHAMBA: Kumar.	00:29:23
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Kumar.	00:29:23
5	And that name, Rajinder Kumar --	00:29:24
6	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:29:27
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- you used it --	00:29:27
8	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. I got a visa.	00:29:28
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: A United States visa?	00:29:30
10	MR. BHAMBA: A ten-year visa.	00:29:31
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: We are talking about	00:29:33
12	a US visa, right?	00:29:36
13	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:29:37
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And then --	00:29:38
15	MR. BHAMBA: I traveled to --	00:29:39
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And you traveled to	00:29:40
17	the United States.	00:29:42
18	MR. BHAMBA: Yes. And --	00:29:44
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And do you remember	00:29:45
20	when you first traveled with that visa, what year	00:29:47
21	was it?	00:29:51
22	MR. BHAMBA: I --	00:29:55

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: More or less. I know	00:29:55
2	it has been a while.	00:29:56
3	MR. BHAMBA: I had that -- I had that	00:29:57
4	passport before I was arrested, because he had given	00:30:00
5	me one or two passports, you know, in different	00:30:04
6	names.	00:30:09
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:30:09
8	MR. BHAMBA: Okay, because, you know, there	00:30:10
9	were too many stamps. If I had to go to Bahamas, or	00:30:11
10	I had to go to Jamaica, and there would be too many	00:30:14
11	stamps.	00:30:17
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:30:18
13	MR. BHAMBA: And he gave me one or two	00:30:18
14	passports, and, you know, I would travel on them.	00:30:20
15	First he got me a one-year visa, I think, on the	00:30:23
16	passport. I got a one-year visa, I came once or	00:30:28
17	twice on that, and then I used other real passport,	00:30:30
18	because I had a work permit, I used for travel on	00:30:33
19	that.	00:30:36
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Do you have that	00:30:36
21	passport still, the (inaudible) one?	00:30:37
22	MR. BHAMBA: No, that passport is with that	00:30:39

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1	Moroccan lady. Okay.	00:30:43
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: We will get to that.	00:30:44
3	MR. BHAMBA: Okay.	00:30:46
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: We will get to that.	00:30:46
5	But you don't have it at this point?	00:30:49
6	MR. BHAMBA: No, I don't.	00:30:50
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. So you	00:30:52
8	applied, you came into United States with -- entered	00:30:53
9	with a visa.	00:30:56
10	MR. BHAMBA: Yes.	00:30:57
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So I would assume	00:30:57
12	they gave you --	00:30:58
13	MR. BHAMBA: Everyone who works on this,	00:30:58
14	they have not one passport, okay. Now because of	00:31:00
15	this problem, fingerprint problem, that's why they	00:31:04
16	don't come. But normally when they are coming to	00:31:08
17	Mexico on another places there, it is a genuine	00:31:10
18	passport.	00:31:13
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: How did you get this	00:31:14
20	passport?	00:31:15
21	MR. BHAMBA: From the passport office.	00:31:15
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Passport office.	00:31:17

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1	And who got you this identity here? Who --	00:31:18
2	MR. BHAMBA: This was the current guy, one	00:31:21
3	working with the Pablo, Paul.	00:31:24
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. So let me -- I	00:31:26
5	want to understand it. This passport over here is a	00:31:27
6	legitimate passport?	00:31:30
7	MR. BHAMBA: Legitimate passport.	00:31:31
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:31:34
9	MR. BHAMBA: Only thing is my name is	00:31:34
10	changed.	00:31:35
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: The name is changed.	00:31:36
12	So --	00:31:38
13	MR. BHAMBA: And that's what happens in	00:31:39
14	India. What they do is they get you -- you get	00:31:40
15	different -- everyone has one or two or three	00:31:43
16	passports. So they are traveling through the	00:31:45
17	system. Ever since you get the fingerprint system,	00:31:47
18	okay, it is impossible. But, still, they are	00:31:50
19	traveling to Europe and --	00:31:52
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: But in order to get	00:31:55
21	this passport, in order to get this passport, did	00:31:56
22	you go to a government office?	00:31:58

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1	MR. BHAMBA: Yes.	00:32:01
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And everything	00:32:01
3	legally?	00:32:02
4	MR. BHAMBA: Legally.	00:32:02
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: There is not a	00:32:03
6	passport that you bought in the street?	00:32:04
7	MR. BHAMBA: No, no, no.	00:32:05
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: This is, you went	00:32:07
9	there and applied?	00:32:07
10	MR. BHAMBA: Applied. And they have people	00:32:08
11	who they pay. They tell you to go to which counter,	00:32:10
12	what, and --	00:32:12
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. Okay, good.	00:32:15
14	Now, do you have a passport with your real	00:32:17
15	name?	00:32:19
16	MR. BHAMBA: No, sir.	00:32:20
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: No.	00:32:20
18	MR. BHAMBA: My real passport stays in	00:32:21
19	custody because I -- they were sending me with some	00:32:23
20	guys on a fake visa to Haiti.	00:32:26
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And when you say in	00:32:29
22	custody, who's got your document?	00:32:30

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1	MR. BHAMBA: The immigration.	00:32:32
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Immigration where?	00:32:34
3	MR. BHAMBA: In India.	00:32:35
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: In India.	00:32:36
5	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:32:37
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And what would	00:32:38
7	they -- why would they have it?	00:32:39
8	MR. BHAMBA: Because I had a fake visa on	00:32:41
9	it, you know --	00:32:42
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:32:43
11	MR. BHAMBA: -- for Haiti, and I didn't need	00:32:43
12	a visa. But because they were sending guys to	00:32:45
13	Mexico, I was supposed to bring them to Curacao, on	00:32:48
14	my way to Jamaica, and, you know, to stop in Bahamas	00:32:51
15	and all that. So I was coming on this side, and I	00:32:57
16	was supposed to carry five of the guys.	00:32:59
17	And it's like, the business is very --	00:33:03
18	frankly, the reason why you can't stop it is, it is	00:33:04
19	a franchising. There are different people in India	00:33:08
20	who take the money, they never set foot outside.	00:33:13
21	They finance, they run things, they distribute the	00:33:16
22	money.	00:33:23

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1	I am like a worker, okay. He would procure	00:33:24
2	it, you know, guy, send them to me, I would send	00:33:28
3	them to do the dirty work, and he would get paid	00:33:32
4	over there in India, or over there. And then he	00:33:37
5	would pay me something for my services, okay.	00:33:39
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:33:43
7	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. So let's say I get	00:33:43
8	knocked off. He has another guy willing to replace	00:33:45
9	me.	00:33:51
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:33:51
11	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. What --	00:33:52
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: I would assume	00:33:52
13	you're -- to better understand this, I mean, you	00:33:54
14	are -- you are --	00:33:57
15	MR. BHAMBA: I'm still working.	00:33:57
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- an important	00:33:58
17	person. You're a skilled worker because --	00:33:58
18	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:34:00
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- you have the	00:34:00
20	contacts and you got --	00:34:00
21	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. And that is my -- I know	00:34:02
22	the language, okay, I know -- I have been in this	00:34:04

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1	business for so long, and I have got a reputation	00:34:08
2	that I went to jail, and I didn't snitch on anyone.	00:34:11
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: I see.	00:34:15
4	MR. BHAMBA: So that's why everyone is	00:34:15
5	confident on me.	00:34:17
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: They're confident on	00:34:18
7	you.	00:34:19
8	MR. BHAMBA: That I won't do any -- now they	00:34:19
9	think they have my son, and they don't have to pay	00:34:21
10	me, they can blackmail me.	00:34:24
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Now, it is important,	00:34:26
12	and I probably missed it, to ask you this at first.	00:34:27
13	Does anyone else know that you came forward and that	00:34:32
14	you are talking to us?	00:34:35
15	MR. BHAMBA: No, not a soul. Not a soul.	00:34:37
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Never --	00:34:38
17	MR. BHAMBA: Not a soul.	00:34:39
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- been a person?	00:34:39
19	Because you initially said that you are living here	00:34:40
20	with a friend.	00:34:42
21	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah, he doesn't know.	00:34:43
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: He doesn't know.	00:34:44

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1	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. He thinks that I am	00:34:45
2	doing some business for sending people to Puerto	00:34:46
3	Rico, I am meeting someone else.	00:34:48
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. Okay.	00:34:50
5	MR. BHAMBA: So that's the ruse I have.	00:34:51
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. Very good.	00:34:53
7	Very good. It is very important.	00:34:54
8	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah, okay. Only person who	00:34:55
9	knows that, Mr. Larko, I said I would have to tell	00:34:58
10	my wife, okay, in Canada. But she's not going to	00:35:04
11	say anything to anyone, because she said, if they	00:35:07
12	get into my -- they try to threaten me, because they	00:35:11
13	are threatening her, also. We're going to come over	00:35:14
14	there, and we're going beat you up, and this and	00:35:17
15	that, and blah, blah. And she said, if something	00:35:19
16	else, Mr. Larko is going to call the police. And if	00:35:22
17	they --	00:35:24
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Absolutely.	00:35:24
19	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. And if they still	00:35:24
20	persist, you can tell them that, you know, my	00:35:26
21	husband is assisting --	00:35:32
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Do you believe that	00:35:33

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1	they are capable of reaching out to her in Canada?	00:35:34
2	MR. BHAMBA: Believe me, at this point --	00:35:40
3	okay. Per person, they are making about 30 lakhs.	00:35:42
4	30 lakhs is something like 50, 55 thousand US	00:35:46
5	dollars --	00:35:53
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:35:54
7	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. Now, all they have to do	00:35:54
8	is get the person out of India, and they are paying	00:35:58
9	immigration over there.	00:36:02
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:36:04
11	MR. BHAMBA: They are paying boarding pass	00:36:04
12	people over there.	00:36:05
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:36:07
14	MR. BHAMBA: And they are getting the people	00:36:07
15	to Quito, they are getting the people to Guyana,	00:36:10
16	they are getting the people to Haiti. There is a	00:36:14
17	set system that people like me, okay, I am in a	00:36:18
18	position where I help everyone so I sort of am	00:36:22
19	neutral, I can, you know, talk to anyone. I have	00:36:26
20	all the numbers. Okay. All I have to do is if I --	00:36:29
21	you have to set me up is, I do take one or two	00:36:33
22	people, show them, oh, I found a new, you know,	00:36:36

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1	route, and everyone will come flocking to me because	00:36:41
2	they think I know everything.	00:36:44
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: You have to show them	00:36:47
4	proof.	00:36:48
5	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:36:50
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:36:50
7	MR. BHAMBA: Paul --	00:36:51
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: I am going to pause	00:36:52
9	for one second.	00:36:53
10	(Short pause in the audio recording.)	
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. After a quick	00:00:00
12	break, we're back online. So I am recording now,	00:00:02
13	okay?	00:00:06
14	MR. BHAMBA: And so it is basically Guyana	00:00:06
15	is now the hot spot. Ecuador is a hot spot. Brazil	00:00:10
16	is a hot spot.	00:00:14
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: You say Guyana.	00:00:16
18	MR. BHAMBA: Guyana. People are going	00:00:17
19	there, the immigration is getting paid to put them	00:00:19
20	in. Haiti, the immigration charges about 1,500	00:00:23
21	dollars, you can get anyone in.	00:00:26
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:00:29

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1 MR. BHAMBA: Okay, over here, the visa is 00:00:29  
2 sold in India for the Dominican Republic for 95,000, 00:00:32  
3 that's 100 or 1,500 dollars, okay. So it is the 00:00:36  
4 system. 00:00:39

5 SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Yeah. I totally 00:00:40  
6 understand. 00:00:45

7 MR. BHAMBA: And if there's someone who 00:00:50  
8 knows what is happening ahead of time, you know what 00:00:52  
9 you are doing, you know, okay. 00:00:54

10 I can do the time, it is not a problem, 00:00:58  
11 okay. But if I can help, okay, in the process, take 00:01:00  
12 care of my son, I am willing to work on any side. 00:01:05  
13 No problem. Okay. As long as you are willing to 00:01:09  
14 protect me, when you have to put me up on the stand, 00:01:11  
15 just make me vanish. Okay, yeah. I don't have any 00:01:16  
16 hangers on. I can have myself. Even if I -- my 00:01:20  
17 wife doesn't agree, I am willing to let go of that. 00:01:24  
18 Because I don't want to put my son's life in 00:01:27  
19 jeopardy. If I am going to do this, you know, I 00:01:29  
20 know, the consequences. 00:01:32

21 SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: I understand. I 00:01:33  
22 understand. 00:01:34

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1	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:01:35
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And we'll -- I don't	00:01:35
3	want to get ahead of myself, and I don't want you	00:01:36
4	to -- your concerns are valid, and I really respect	00:01:39
5	you for coming out front, but what we are going to	00:01:44
6	do, the operational issues and what we and the way	00:01:48
7	of doing things, you know, we will discuss that in	00:01:51
8	detail, and I am going to bring other people on	00:01:53
9	board, because --	00:01:55
10	MR. BHAMBA: And the good thing is, I am	00:01:56
11	alone.	00:01:58
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:01:59
13	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. I don't have too much	00:01:59
14	family. I've been a loner because -- since, you	00:02:03
15	know, I was over here, I divorced from ex-wife, I	00:02:05
16	have two kids who are in Columbus, okay. One is	00:02:09
17	(inaudible) Rubina Sandu (phonetic), I don't know	00:02:15
18	what she is, she's not talked to me for the last	00:02:17
19	seven, eight years.	00:02:22
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Listen. We are on	00:02:23
21	the right track right now, okay, and I want to	00:02:25
22	explain to you how it works. We can do operations,	00:02:27

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1	we can have you out there working for us, and we can	00:02:30
2	do that. Okay, we get the proper approvals, and the	00:02:33
3	proper tools, and we'll do it.	00:02:36
4	Now, you have to understand, Mr. Bhamba --	00:02:39
5	MR. BHAMBA: Paul is not going to --	00:02:40
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- right now, so	00:02:41
7	far -- listen to what I'm saying. So far, so good.	00:02:41
8	Like, what are you going to say. I do believe what	00:02:45
9	you are saying. But let me tell you something.	00:02:48
10	Right now, we need to establish that relationship,	00:02:51
11	that trust. How are we going to do that?	00:02:56
12	MR. BHAMBA: Anything you ask me.	00:02:58
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: With all due respect,	00:02:59
14	okay, what we need to focus on right now --	00:03:00
15	MR. BHAMBA: Uh-huh.	00:03:03
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- okay, is on the	00:03:03
17	story. I understand, I got some information from	00:03:06
18	Agent Larko about a group of individuals that had	00:03:10
19	already made it to Miami. We need to clear that	00:03:16
20	up --	00:03:18
21	MR. BHAMBA: Uh-huh.	00:03:19
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- first, and then we	00:03:19

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1	are going to wait -- we're going to work our way	00:03:21
2	back and then forward. You know?	00:03:23
3	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. The --	00:03:26
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: That way we are not	00:03:26
5	all over the place and we can --	00:03:28
6	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. No problem. I can -- I	00:03:29
7	can give you a list of about a hundred people who	00:03:32
8	have made it through the (inaudible) border, and I	00:03:39
9	have the tickets for them, and what route they came,	00:03:42
10	and who sent them.	00:03:47
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:03:49
12	MR. BHAMBA: And because you -- they are the	00:03:50
13	people who have crossed, are in your camps, or have	00:03:51
14	already been bailed out.	00:03:55
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:03:57
16	MR. BHAMBA: Or they have gone.	00:03:57
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:03:59
18	MR. BHAMBA: I was able to preserve some.	00:03:59
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. And you are	00:04:01
20	keeping a list --	00:04:02
21	MR. BHAMBA: I have some. But most of --	00:04:03
22	when I was arrested in Amsterdam, okay, some of my	00:04:06

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1	stuff I had to delete it, you know, some -- okay, I	00:04:09
2	was arrested on another passport, you know, a	00:04:14
3	British passport.	00:04:17
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: In Amsterdam.	00:04:18
5	MR. BHAMBA: In Curacao.	00:04:19
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: In Curacao. When was	00:04:20
7	that?	00:04:22
8	MR. BHAMBA: This was in 2013.	00:04:22
9	I have used -- see, it is -- they put you	00:04:25
10	with the different passports, they supply the	00:04:29
11	passports --	00:04:32
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:04:33
13	MR. BHAMBA: Malaysian, you know, British,	00:04:33
14	okay.	00:04:39
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So it will be fair to	00:04:40
16	say --	00:04:41
17	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:04:41
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- that -- well, in	00:04:42
19	2013, for a fact, you were arrested, and they	00:04:43
20	confiscated whatever -- you had to delete, you had	00:04:46
21	to delete this --	00:04:48
22	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah, yeah.	00:04:49

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- whatever you had.	00:04:49
2	It is fair to say maybe you would have records	00:04:50
3	dating back two years?	00:04:52
4	MR. BHAMBA: I have -- no, no. I have	00:04:54
5	their -- past records that had in my e-mail.	00:04:56
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Oh, okay. I see.	00:04:59
7	MR. BHAMBA: That, you know, I hadn't	00:05:00
8	deleted it. So I saved them in a separate -- you	00:05:01
9	know.	00:05:04
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Oh, okay.	00:05:04
11	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. So I was able to retain	00:05:04
12	some. But the rest of it, I had records, but, you	00:05:06
13	know, it is very easy, okay. I can give you a name	00:05:10
14	of the person who's making the tickets, and all	00:05:14
15	tickets on that route, all tickets on -- I can tell	00:05:17
16	you which guy is making which tickets, and you can	00:05:21
17	know this guy is flying out today, and he's coming	00:05:25
18	to Ecuador or that. Because, you know, I am in the	00:05:30
19	system.	00:05:34
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:05:35
21	MR. BHAMBA: And once you know that, they	00:05:35
22	are -- they think the system is there, okay.	00:05:38

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:05:41
2	MR. BHAMBA: So when the tape is made, if	00:05:41
3	you put a track on the tickets that are made from	00:05:43
4	India --	00:05:46
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:05:46
6	MR. BHAMBA: -- to in a certain sector, you	00:05:47
7	will know who's going where.	00:05:49
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Who's going where.	00:05:51
9	MR. BHAMBA: And you know before (inaudible)	00:05:51
10	happening, okay. Whichever -- okay, there's another	00:05:53
11	one route when it gets hot, they go to Congo, okay.	00:05:57
12	And they go to Congo and come from Congo, okay. But	00:06:02
13	Bangkok doesn't let them go. Khathmandu doesn't let	00:06:07
14	them go. So now they -- it is either Delhi, or they	00:06:10
15	go to Dubai, they make a residency permit over	00:06:14
16	there, and on a residency permit, that gets done in	00:06:19
17	30 days.	00:06:21
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So -- so you would	00:06:23
19	have actually knowledge --	00:06:24
20	MR. BHAMBA: So much knowledge.	00:06:25
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- of --	00:06:26
22	MR. BHAMBA: Everything.	00:06:26

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- from the minute	00:06:27
2	they live India, to where they are going, all the	00:06:28
3	routes that they are taking, everything.	00:06:30
4	MR. BHAMBA: Yes. If I -- see, I don't have	00:06:32
5	access. But if you can give me an access to, you	00:06:34
6	know, there's an item person, okay. The person	00:06:38
7	who's making that ticket, okay. I can give you an	00:06:41
8	e-mail of a person, okay. I can buy a ticket from	00:06:43
9	him. Now, once I buy a ticket from him, one of my	00:06:46
10	guys, you know, okay, one of the guys that is	00:06:49
11	traveling, I am making them travel, I am giving them	00:06:52
12	advice. So they are going to say, okay, here's this	00:06:55
13	ticket. So, ultimately, the e-mail comes to me.	00:06:58
14	Now the e-mail comes to me. Put a track on that	00:07:00
15	e-mail. That person in India is sending all the	00:07:05
16	tickets on that same e-mail --	00:07:07
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:07:10
18	MR. BHAMBA: -- to different people. So now	00:07:11
19	you know how many people are coming out.	00:07:12
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Yeah. (Inaudible).	00:07:19
21	MR. BHAMBA: So you track it from there, and	00:07:19
22	then you have it over here, and it could also be	00:07:21

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1	paid money.	00:07:24
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: There's a -- I have	00:07:26
3	some folders here --	00:07:27
4	MR. BHAMBA: Uh-huh.	00:07:30
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- with me, that	00:07:30
6	belong to several individuals that are currently in	00:07:32
7	immigration custody in Miami, okay, and in Pompano	00:07:39
8	Beach facility --	00:07:45
9	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:07:47
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- immigration up	00:07:47
11	there. And some of them, you know, we were able	00:07:48
12	to --	00:07:50
13	MR. BHAMBA: That is (inaudible).	00:07:50
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- information that	00:07:51
15	you had given to Agent Larko --	00:07:52
16	MR. BHAMBA: Uh-huh.	00:07:56
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. And what I did	00:07:56
18	was I created you know, folders, so it would be --	00:07:57
19	for myself, what you are saying --	00:08:00
20	MR. BHAMBA: Few lucky ones that got caught,	00:08:02
21	okay, they were --	00:08:05
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: What I am showing you	00:08:05

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1	right now is a folder for --	00:08:07
2	MR. BHAMBA: That is Amapreet.	00:08:08
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Amapreet Singh.	00:08:09
4	MR. BHAMBA: Yes.	00:08:09
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So you are saying	00:08:10
6	that you helped smuggle this individual?	00:08:10
7	MR. BHAMBA: Yes.	00:08:12
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: I am showing you	00:08:13
9	now --	00:08:14
10	MR. BHAMBA: Kamal Kamal.	00:08:14
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Kamal Kamal	00:08:15
12	(phonetic) --	00:08:16
13	MR. BHAMBA: Yes.	00:08:17
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And you smuggled him	00:08:17
15	as well.	00:08:18
16	MR. BHAMBA: Yes.	00:08:21
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Sharon Jet Singh	00:08:21
18	(phonetic), this is another one.	00:08:22
19	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:08:24
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. I got Pardeep	00:08:25
21	Pardeep (phonetic).	00:08:29
22	MR. BHAMBA: Yes.	00:08:30

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. So far I got	00:08:31
2	four. Let me see if I am missing -- I know you have	00:08:32
3	given -- this one. Shanda Avtar (phonetic).	00:08:35
4	MR. BHAMBA: Avtar, yeah.	00:08:38
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. And that's all	00:08:38
6	I have.	00:08:40
7	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:08:40
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Any -- did I miss	00:08:40
9	any?	00:08:41
10	MR. BHAMBA: No. This is all that were	00:08:42
11	arrested over there.	00:08:43
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: This is the lucky	00:08:45
13	group (inaudible).	00:08:46
14	MR. BHAMBA: That were -- no, no, this is	00:08:47
15	the group that got arrested.	00:08:49
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Oh, that they got	00:08:52
17	arrested.	00:08:52
18	MR. BHAMBA: Yes.	00:08:53
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Tell me, tell me --	00:08:54
20	MR. BHAMBA: In this --	00:08:54
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- a little bit about	00:08:55
22	that because I'm not too familiar with that whole	00:08:56

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1	event.	00:08:58
2	MR. BHAMBA: Okay.	00:08:59
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So what happened?	00:09:00
4	MR. BHAMBA: What happened was that there	00:09:02
5	was a total of 12 people.	00:09:03
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And when you say they	00:09:05
7	arrested, where? Where?	00:09:07
8	MR. BHAMBA: They were arrested in -- on a	00:09:08
9	boat in -- (inaudible) or something, you know. I	00:09:10
10	don't remember the details, but I --	00:09:16
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: In the shores of --	00:09:18
12	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah, the shores of Miami,	00:09:19
13	okay. They had gotten off. What happened was one	00:09:20
14	stupid idiot had his -- lost his shoes. The	00:09:24
15	Jamaican lost his shoes. The rest of the Sri	00:09:28
16	Lankans and the other guy, total 26 people were on	00:09:31
17	the boat.	00:09:34
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:09:35
19	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. Out of the 26, the Sri	00:09:36
20	Lankans and some Indians, they went to the hotel.	00:09:39
21	They followed the guide.	00:09:42
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: They followed the	00:09:46

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1	guide.	00:09:47
2	MR. BHAMBA: They followed the guide who was	00:09:47
3	supposed to pick them up.	00:09:48
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:09:49
5	MR. BHAMBA: And these guys, they followed	00:09:50
6	the Jamaicans because the Jamaicans pay a different	00:09:52
7	set price. The Jamaicans don't pay seven, eight	00:09:54
8	thousand dollars. The Jamaicans pay three, four	00:09:57
9	thousand dollars. So the Jamaicans, they just drop	00:10:00
10	them on the shore, and it is done.	00:10:02
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:10:04
12	MR. BHAMBA: Whereas the Indians and the Sri	00:10:06
13	Lankans, they take them to a hotel and hold them.	00:10:07
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:10:10
15	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. So this one group	00:10:10
16	followed the guide and got scot free. This other	00:10:12
17	group, these four Indians, four individuals, they	00:10:16
18	followed the Jamaicans. The Jamaicans had lost	00:10:20
19	their shoe. They went into a shop to buy some	00:10:23
20	slippers. So that's when the shop owner called the	00:10:27
21	cops --	00:10:31
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Oh, okay.	00:10:33

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1	MR. BHAMBA: -- and they got arrested.	00:10:33
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: It was an accident.	00:10:35
3	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. An accident.	00:10:37
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: If they would have	00:10:38
5	followed instructions --	00:10:38
6	MR. BHAMBA: They wouldn't happen.	00:10:39
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:10:40
8	MR. BHAMBA: And the thing is, you are	00:10:41
9	African-American and you go into a shop at 4:00 in	00:10:43
10	the morning asking for slippers or, you know, and	00:10:46
11	you see four persons, people coming out in the	00:10:49
12	street out of Jamaica, they look scary.	00:10:52
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:10:57
14	MR. BHAMBA: So the guy thought they were	00:10:57
15	coming to rob him.	00:10:58
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Oh, I got it. And	00:10:59
17	they called --	00:11:00
18	MR. BHAMBA: So by the time they ran out,	00:11:01
19	okay, they were -- they didn't know in English, they	00:11:02
20	didn't know where to go, so they were following them	00:11:05
21	thinking that wherever they are going to go, they	00:11:07
22	are going to be safe.	00:11:09

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: How do you learn	00:11:12
2	about all this? What happened? Who told you this	00:11:13
3	story?	00:11:16
4	MR. BHAMBA: Marcia. The person who is	00:11:18
5	responsible for the Jamaican, Bahamas operation.	00:11:19
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: For the Bahamas	00:11:23
7	operation.	00:11:25
8	MR. BHAMBA: See, I remain in touch with	00:11:25
9	them, too.	00:11:27
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Is that person	00:11:27
11	Marcia?	00:11:29
12	MR. BHAMBA: Marcia.	00:11:29
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Marcia. And is it	00:11:30
14	spelled like, M-a --	00:11:31
15	MR. BHAMBA: Marcia. M-a-r-c-i-a.	00:11:32
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. Marcia.	00:11:35
17	MR. BHAMBA: Pestone.	00:11:37
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Pestone?	00:11:38
19	MR. BHAMBA: P-e-s-t --	00:11:38
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: B-e-s?	00:11:40
21	MR. BHAMBA: P-e-s-t-e-n-o. Pesteno.	00:11:41
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Marcia Pesteno.	00:11:46

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1	MR. BHAMBA: She is a Guyanese national.	00:11:47
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: She's from Guyana.	00:11:49
3	MR. BHAMBA: Guyana. And she lives over	00:11:50
4	there.	00:11:52
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And she lives in	00:11:52
6	Bahamas?	00:11:54
7	MR. BHAMBA: Yes.	00:11:55
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And where in the	00:11:55
9	Bahamas, Nassau, Freeport --	00:11:56
10	MR. BHAMBA: Nassau.	00:11:58
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Nassau. Okay.	00:11:59
12	MR. BHAMBA: There are immigration people,	00:12:00
13	there are police people.	00:12:02
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And she's immigration	00:12:04
15	you said?	00:12:05
16	MR. BHAMBA: No, no.	00:12:05
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Oh, no, there are	00:12:05
18	immigration people involved?	00:12:06
19	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah, they're immigration	00:12:07
20	people.	00:12:08
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:12:09
22	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. Do you know that from	00:12:09

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1	Haiti there is a special flight that goes three	00:12:11
2	times a week, and it is pure illegals.	00:12:14
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: To where?	00:12:18
4	MR. BHAMBA: To Nassau.	00:12:20
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: To Nassau.	00:12:22
6	I've heard about it, but tell me a little	00:12:23
7	bit. It is a flight that goes three times from	00:12:25
8	where to where?	00:12:27
9	MR. BHAMBA: From Ocobb (phonetic), it goes	00:12:28
10	from Ocobb --	00:12:31
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:12:32
12	MR. BHAMBA: Straight to Nassau.	00:12:33
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: (Inaudible).	
14	MR. BHAMBA: And everyone has a fake visa,	00:12:35
15	and everyone is let out. And all the Haitians that	00:12:37
16	come back, they tell them go 3,500 or 4,000,	00:12:41
17	depending on --	00:12:44
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So the Bahamian	00:12:46
19	authorities, they know about it.	00:12:47
20	MR. BHAMBA: Oh, very well. If you want to	00:12:48
21	get a planeload in there, you tell me, I will --	00:12:50
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:12:54

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1	MR. BHAMBA: They will come and they will	00:12:54
2	get it.	00:12:57
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: All right. So going	00:12:57
4	back to this load, I mean, you learned that -- this	00:12:59
5	whole story that you gave me about the shoe --	00:13:02
6	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:13:04
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- and the guys	00:13:04
8	walking into a store --	00:13:05
9	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:13:05
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- the guy calling	00:13:05
11	the cops. Marcia Pesteno called you, and you called	00:13:06
12	her?	00:13:10
13	MR. BHAMBA: And she told me that this is	00:13:11
14	the --	00:13:13
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: She called you or you	00:13:13
16	called her?	00:13:14
17	MR. BHAMBA: No, I saw that she sent me the	00:13:15
18	link to the news.	00:13:17
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So you have a direct	00:13:18
20	line with Marcia right now, if you want to call her,	00:13:19
21	you call her, and she will pick up a phone?	00:13:20
22	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. And she doesn't pick up	00:13:22

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1	the phone, she picks up WhatsApp.	00:13:23
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: WhatsApp?	00:13:26
3	MR. BHAMBA: Right now -- yeah. She's not	00:13:26
4	over there, she's in Australia.	00:13:27
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: She's in Australia.	00:13:29
6	MR. BHAMBA: She's in Australia, somewhere	00:13:31
7	in Papua New Guinea or someplace like that. She's	00:13:32
8	starting a business, a gold business or something.	00:13:36
9	She's --	00:13:41
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So she quit what she	00:13:41
11	was doing, or she still doing --	00:13:43
12	MR. BHAMBA: No, no. She's still doing.	00:13:43
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: She's just there	00:13:44
14	temporarily --	00:13:45
15	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:13:46
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- she's coming back?	00:13:46
17	MR. BHAMBA: Yes, she's coming back.	00:13:47
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:13:49
19	MR. BHAMBA: Right now her brother and	00:13:49
20	everyone have an mother and everyone is doing the	00:13:51
21	job.	00:13:53
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Doing the job.	00:13:53

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1	MR. BHAMBA: Yes.	00:13:56
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And they are living	00:13:56
3	there --	00:13:57
4	MR. BHAMBA: Yes.	00:13:58
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- in Nassau?	00:13:59
6	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah, yeah.	00:14:00
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. So it is my	00:14:01
8	understanding, correct me if I'm wrong, that you	00:14:02
9	have provided some information -- or some like	00:14:06
10	photocopies of passport and/or documents from the	00:14:11
11	five Indians that I just showed you.	00:14:18
12	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:14:21
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Immigration paperwork	00:14:21
14	that you have obtained.	00:14:22
15	MR. BHAMBA: Uh-huh.	00:14:23
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Is that correct?	00:14:24
17	MR. BHAMBA: That is --	00:14:25
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Immigration -- what I	00:14:26
19	am saying immigration persons, like paperwork, it is	00:14:27
20	like paperwork that they have gotten -- that the	00:14:30
21	Indians got in immigration custody; is that correct?	00:14:33
22	MR. BHAMBA: I got the tickets.	00:14:38

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: You got the tickets,	00:14:39
2	but were you in contact with their attorneys or	00:14:40
3	something like that?	00:14:42
4	MR. BHAMBA: Yes, I was in contact with one	00:14:43
5	of the attorneys.	00:14:44
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Did you receive any	00:14:44
7	documents from them, from the attorney in --	00:14:45
8	MR. BHAMBA: Yes. In Amaritz (phonetic)	00:14:49
9	case. Amaritz case.	00:14:50
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: In Amaratiz.	00:14:51
11	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:14:52
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Just for that	00:14:53
13	particular one.	00:14:53
14	MR. BHAMBA: It was -- okay, see, the rest	00:14:54
15	of them, they belong to a different people. Even	00:14:56
16	though I was responsible for taking them, you know,	00:14:59
17	getting in contact with them, they jumped ship,	00:15:03
18	okay. They jumped ship and they started dealing	00:15:06
19	with Marcia alone.	00:15:09
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. I need some	00:15:11
21	(inaudible) information on them. So let me look for	00:15:11
22	the file of the individual --	00:15:13

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1	MR. BHAMBA: Okay.	00:15:15
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- that you are	00:15:16
3	saying you are responsible for.	00:15:16
4	MR. BHAMBA: Yes.	00:15:19
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Which one is it?	00:15:19
6	MR. BHAMBA: Amaritz.	00:15:20
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Amaritz.	00:15:21
8	MR. BHAMBA: But they all came through me,	00:15:22
9	okay, with my knowledge over here.	00:15:24
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. It came	00:15:26
11	through you, and you met them. Did you meet them	00:15:27
12	face to face or anything --	00:15:29
13	MR. BHAMBA: I met them face to face.	00:15:30
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Face to face.	00:15:31
15	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:15:32
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So what was your	00:15:32
17	responsibility here?	00:15:34
18	MR. BHAMBA: Okay, the person -- these	00:15:35
19	people, all belonged to Paul, okay. This person	00:15:37
20	belongs to Paul.	00:15:40
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Ball --	00:15:42
22	MR. BHAMBA: Paul.	00:15:42

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Paul.	00:15:43
2	MR. BHAMBA: Paul is basically now the	00:15:44
3	number one kingpin that's does -- his name is Pablo.	00:15:45
4	Okay, you have him in record, he's a Canadian	00:15:51
5	citizen, and he was arrested in -- in Delhi with	00:15:53
6	about 300 passports or something.	00:16:00
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: He was arrested in	00:16:03
8	Delhi.	00:16:04
9	MR. BHAMBA: Delhi. With the 300 passports.	00:16:05
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So where is Pablo	00:16:06
11	now?	00:16:07
12	MR. BHAMBA: Paul, he doesn't come out of	00:16:07
13	Delhi. If he goes, he goes to Europe on his	00:16:09
14	Canadian passport. It is Gramil Singh Waltani	00:16:13
15	(phonetic).	00:16:16
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. And we'll -- I	00:16:17
17	get that --	00:16:18
18	MR. BHAMBA: GS Waltani.	00:16:19
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: We will follow up on	00:16:19
20	this. Let me get the chart here, the drawing here	00:16:21
21	that I have.	00:16:23
22	MR. BHAMBA: Okay.	00:16:24

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Then we can tie it,	00:16:25
2	link.	00:16:27
3	Now, the -- so you are saying these four	00:16:28
4	people belong to Paul?	00:16:30
5	MR. BHAMBA: Uh-huh. This person belongs to	00:16:32
6	Paul, the rest of his people, they got free. This	00:16:33
7	is the only person that got arrested. These people	00:16:37
8	belong to Gupta. Irwin Kumar Gupta.	00:16:39
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:16:44
10	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. Gupta, I have his phone	00:16:45
11	number and all that. I have his real name, also,	00:16:47
12	Irwin Kumar Gupta.	00:16:51
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So what's your	00:16:52
14	responsibility --	00:16:53
15	MR. BHAMBA: My responsibility --	00:16:54
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- here on --	00:16:55
17	MR. BHAMBA: Give him the contact, I was a	00:16:55
18	go-between. He is the one who sent them here, he's	00:16:57
19	responsible for the guys. I gave him Marcia's	00:17:01
20	contact.	00:17:06
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. So you put --	00:17:07
22	you put -- you put these people in contact with	00:17:07

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1	Marcia?	00:17:10
2	MR. BHAMBA: Marcia, yeah. And then he was	00:17:11
3	supposed to pay me, okay, but instead of paying	00:17:13
4	me --	00:17:16
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: But when you say	00:17:16
6	Marcia, Marcia will not deal with the legal aliens.	00:17:18
7	MR. BHAMBA: She does.	00:17:23
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Straight.	00:17:23
9	MR. BHAMBA: Straight.	00:17:23
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Would she?	00:17:24
11	MR. BHAMBA: Yes.	00:17:24
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Without a middle	00:17:25
13	person?	00:17:26
14	MR. BHAMBA: If she -- cut me out --	00:17:26
15	(WHEREUPON, there was a short	
16	interruption in the audio recording.)	
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. Mr. Bhamba, I	00:00:00
18	have replaced the memory stick, and we are back	00:00:02
19	online. Okay?	00:00:05
20	MR. BHAMBA: Yes. All --	00:00:07
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So we're -- we're --	00:00:08
22	where we pretty much stopped here is when you said	00:00:10

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1 that -- when we were referring to the five group of 00:00:13  
2 people of Indian nationals that are currently 00:00:16  
3 incarcerated in immigration custody, okay. And you 00:00:19  
4 said that you were responsible for them while they 00:00:24  
5 were here in the Dominican Republic. 00:00:28

6 MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. 00:00:30

7 SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: But one group out of 00:00:30  
8 those five, you mentioned it was four -- 00:00:31

9 MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. 00:00:34

10 SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- they belonged to 00:00:34  
11 other people, other -- 00:00:35

12 MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. 00:00:36

13 SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And you had mentioned 00:00:37  
14 an individual named Paul -- 00:00:38

15 MR. BHAMBA: Paul. 00:00:40

16 SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- in India. 00:00:40

17 MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. I am just a go-between. 00:00:41  
18 They used me. 00:00:43

19 SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: They used you. 00:00:44

20 MR. BHAMBA: They used me. I'm the 00:00:45  
21 go-between. I am the person who's over here, who 00:00:46  
22 gets in touch with them. I do the dirty work over 00:00:50

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1	here. They are the people responsible.	00:00:53
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So they must have	00:00:55
3	gotten in touch with you, hey, there's a load of --	00:00:56
4	correct me if I'm wrong, they said it was a group of	00:00:59
5	people going to DR, these are their names.	00:01:01
6	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:01:03
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: You're responsible	00:01:04
8	for taking care of them while in the DR --	00:01:05
9	MR. BHAMBA: DR.	00:01:08
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- and put them in	00:01:08
11	contact to -- and you agreed to that?	00:01:09
12	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. They sent them over	00:01:11
13	here, I tell them, okay, send them to "X" person,	00:01:12
14	we'll take care of them. Marcia came over here.	00:01:15
15	These individuals basically were arrested over here,	00:01:18
16	waiting on a boat. So they were in custody. All 12	00:01:22
17	of them were in custody over here.	00:01:26
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. So.	00:01:28
19	MR. BHAMBA: They were arrested.	00:01:29
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So there's the five	00:01:30
21	people that are in --	00:01:31
22	MR. BHAMBA: Yes.	00:01:32

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- Miami now --	00:01:33
2	MR. BHAMBA: They are part of that group.	00:01:33
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: At one point they	00:01:34
4	were arrested.	00:01:35
5	MR. BHAMBA: Arrested over here. So you	00:01:36
6	have a record of them over here.	00:01:37
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:01:39
8	MR. BHAMBA: They were let go by the	00:01:39
9	immigration over here --	00:01:41
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:01:42
11	MR. BHAMBA: By -- they paid them something,	00:01:43
12	3,000 dollars, per person, they let them go. And	00:01:45
13	then they went to Haiti, and from Haiti they went to	00:01:49
14	Bahamas.	00:01:56
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. And were	00:01:57
16	you -- were you involved in their venture -- once	00:01:58
17	they got to Haiti, were you involved in their	00:02:04
18	venture, smuggling venture?	00:02:06
19	MR. BHAMBA: Yes, I was involved with one	00:02:08
20	person. The rest of them, they directly --	00:02:10
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So let me understand	00:02:13
22	this correctly. When you knew there were five	00:02:14

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1	people coming --	00:02:16
2	MR. BHAMBA: No, total I -- okay. Total	00:02:18
3	there were 12. I was involved not -- one got	00:02:20
4	arrested. There were four more, okay. I was	00:02:25
5	involved in five. Five.	00:02:29
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: But before they got	00:02:32
7	arrested here in the Dominican Republic, or after	00:02:33
8	they were arrested?	00:02:36
9	MR. BHAMBA: No, I was involved, I knew what	00:02:37
10	the whereabouts, I had where they were going, what	00:02:38
11	they were doing, when they were arrested, Marcia	00:02:41
12	came to bail them out. I was not over here, I was	00:02:44
13	in India, but I was talking to Marcia. Marcia was	00:02:46
14	getting paid. Okay, I was managing everything,	00:02:50
15	okay.	00:02:53
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:02:53
17	MR. BHAMBA: And when Marcia needed some	00:02:54
18	extra money, okay, the individual wouldn't give it	00:02:56
19	themselves, so they were a little scared of giving	00:03:00
20	the money to bail them out over here. So Mr. Gupta,	00:03:02
21	Irwin Kumar Gupta, he traveled over here, and he	00:03:06
22	took Marcia's number, and he started dealing with	00:03:10

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1	her directly. Okay. He went behind my back and	00:03:14
2	talked to her directly.	00:03:19
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And he, meaning?	00:03:20
4	MR. BHAMBA: No. This is Paul.	00:03:23
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: The --	00:03:23
6	MR. BHAMBA: The second individual.	00:03:24
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: The second --	00:03:25
8	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. Irwin Kumar Gupta.	00:03:26
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Irwin.	00:03:28
10	MR. BHAMBA: Yes. He's a high level, okay.	00:03:28
11	He's a category one.	00:03:30
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Kumar?	00:03:31
13	MR. BHAMBA: Irwin Kumar Gupta. He's in	00:03:32
14	your system. You have cancelled his visa.	00:03:37
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Where's he at?	00:03:40
16	Where's, he's in India?	00:03:41
17	MR. BHAMBA: He's in India.	00:03:42
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:03:43
19	MR. BHAMBA: You canceled his visa last	00:03:43
20	year. Because he was responsible for getting a lot	00:03:47
21	of people. He was doing the same job I'm doing in	00:03:50
22	Guatemala.	00:03:55

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:03:56
2	MR. BHAMBA: For -- since 2010.	00:03:57
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So somehow he gets in	00:03:58
4	contact directly with Marcia, they cut you -- they	00:03:59
5	cut you out.	00:04:02
6	MR. BHAMBA: They cut me out.	00:04:03
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: But on the 4.	00:04:04
8	MR. BHAMBA: On the 4, yes. But, in total,	00:04:05
9	out of the 12 guys, 7 belong to him, and 5 belong to	00:04:08
10	me. 7 belonged to Gupta.	00:04:16
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:04:19
12	MR. BHAMBA: Out of that four, are arrested	00:04:19
13	over there. One is my guy.	00:04:21
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. Now, the	00:04:23
15	other -- so one of the guys that you were	00:04:24
16	responsible for, meaning one responsible for, you	00:04:27
17	also got some sort of money --	00:04:30
18	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:04:33
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- or earnings	00:04:34
20	from --	00:04:35
21	MR. BHAMBA: No, I didn't get any money yet.	00:04:35
22	He's supposed to pay --	00:04:37

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Are you supposed to	00:04:38
2	get money?	00:04:39
3	MR. BHAMBA: Yes. He's supposed to pay when	00:04:39
4	he reaches. He's Paul. Paul -- Paul has me by the	00:04:41
5	neck. So, he has my son. So he is literally	00:04:49
6	blackmailing me. Oh, I give you this. He just	00:04:51
7	gives me survival money.	00:04:53
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: When you say he has	00:04:55
9	your son, I mean, he's the one making threats?	00:04:56
10	MR. BHAMBA: He's the one who's making	00:04:59
11	threats.	00:05:00
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: But your son is, my	00:05:00
13	understanding, is that right now he's out of harm	00:05:01
14	way, he's in a boarding school --	00:05:03
15	MR. BHAMBA: He's in a boarding school. But	00:05:05
16	the problem is, when we put him in the boarding	00:05:07
17	school, because I didn't have any finances, and he	00:05:10
18	became the person who was the second after me to	00:05:13
19	sign him in.	00:05:18
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: I see.	00:05:19
21	MR. BHAMBA: So we have to tell the school,	00:05:20
22	one, please don't give custody, this is a --	00:05:21

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:05:26
2	MR. BHAMBA: If someone from (inaudible)	00:05:26
3	call, they would really listen.	00:05:28
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: I under -- I am	00:05:31
5	getting the picture now.	00:05:32
6	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. So they will not give my	00:05:33
7	son's custody to him. And we can get him to the	00:05:35
8	States, and end of story.	00:05:38
9	Now, then, I am out of his -- okay. He	00:05:40
10	can't blackmail me, he can't, you know, bully me	00:05:43
11	into anything. Yes, I worked with him.	00:05:45
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:05:48
13	MR. BHAMBA: You know.	00:05:49
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: But he needs you,	00:05:49
15	right?	00:05:50
16	MR. BHAMBA: He needs me.	00:05:50
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:05:51
18	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. All of them need me,	00:05:51
19	okay. All I have to do is dangle them, I got a	00:05:53
20	connection, they will flock over here. Paul won't	00:05:58
21	come out to Mexico or anyplace, but he will travel	00:06:04
22	on his Canadian passport to Paris or Europe.	00:06:07

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. We are going	00:06:11
2	to get --	00:06:13
3	MR. BHAMBA: If I can set up a meeting, if	00:06:13
4	we can put up some people over here, and we're five	00:06:15
5	or six, ten people out, or when -- they are going	00:06:19
6	already, they -- I know where they are, what they	00:06:23
7	are. And then we say, oh, you know, I got a Mexican	00:06:26
8	guy. He's an officer, and, you know, he's in the	00:06:28
9	army and --	00:06:31
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And, boom.	00:06:32
11	MR. BHAMBA: And I want to talk -- he's	00:06:33
12	greedy. He wants to control.	00:06:35
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: (Inaudible).	
14	MR. BHAMBA: And he will come over there,	00:06:38
15	and he -- but he will only step up that way.	00:06:41
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. Now, going	00:06:44
17	back to this five, group of people that are	00:06:45
18	intercepted. So you are saying four of them --	00:06:48
19	MR. BHAMBA: Belong to --	00:06:51
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Belong to	00:06:52
21	(inaudible).	
22	MR. BHAMBA: -- Irwin Gupta.	00:06:53

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Now, but you said you	00:06:53
2	had easily five.	00:06:55
3	MR. BHAMBA: Five.	00:06:56
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So what happened to	00:06:56
5	the other four people?	00:06:57
6	MR. BHAMBA: They're gone. They left	00:06:58
7	straight home.	00:06:59
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So they made it to	00:06:59
9	the United States.	00:07:00
10	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah, yeah.	00:07:01
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And who -- did	00:07:03
12	someone deliver them to their family? Someone	00:07:05
13	picked them up in Miami?	00:07:07
14	MR. BHAMBA: Their family came and got them	00:07:09
15	over there.	00:07:10
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. Now, over	00:07:11
17	there -- so you --	00:07:12
18	MR. BHAMBA: In Miami. They came to Miami.	00:07:13
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So these four people	00:07:14
20	were the ones that did not follow instructions, and	00:07:15
21	went to a store and --	00:07:17
22	MR. BHAMBA: And they followed the	00:07:18

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1	Jamaicans, so they got arrested.	00:07:19
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So your five people,	00:07:20
3	were they in the 26 group --	00:07:22
4	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:07:23
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: In the boat with the	00:07:23
6	26?	00:07:25
7	MR. BHAMBA: Yes.	00:07:25
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So they were a part	00:07:25
9	of the 26?	00:07:26
10	MR. BHAMBA: Yes.	00:07:27
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So your other five	00:07:27
12	people, four --	00:07:29
13	MR. BHAMBA: Four, they (inaudible).	00:07:29
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: They followed	00:07:31
15	instructions and went to a stash house?	00:07:32
16	MR. BHAMBA: Yes. They went to a hotel.	00:07:34
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. What was the	00:07:36
18	name of the hotel?	00:07:37
19	MR. BHAMBA: That I don't know. They don't	00:07:39
20	give you that information.	00:07:40
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. So the four	00:07:42
22	people.	00:07:44

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1	MR. BHAMBA: It is -- it was somewhere on	00:07:45
2	the beach. I think it was some Gujarati guy's	00:07:46
3	hotel.	00:07:49
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So the four or five	00:07:50
5	people that you are responsible for, they actually	00:07:51
6	made it to the --	00:07:53
7	MR. BHAMBA: Made it, plus they were some --	00:07:54
8	I talked to them, plus there were some Sri Lankan	00:07:56
9	guys also.	00:08:01
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: About how many?	00:08:03
11	MR. BHAMBA: Four Sri Lankan guys.	00:08:04
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So it was four --	00:08:06
13	MR. BHAMBA: Sri Lankan and four	00:08:07
14	(inaudible).	
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And four Sri Lankans.	00:08:10
16	Okay.	00:08:13
17	And the Sri Lankans, they all made it, also.	00:08:14
18	MR. BHAMBA: Yes.	00:08:16
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. So they went	00:08:17
20	to the hotel?	00:08:19
21	MR. BHAMBA: Yes.	00:08:20
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: On their own? Did	00:08:21

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1	anyone pick them up --	00:08:22
2	MR. BHAMBA: Someone picked them up.	00:08:22
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: By the shore?	00:08:23
4	MR. BHAMBA: Yes. That's what --	00:08:24
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Do you know who	00:08:24
6	picked them up?	00:08:25
7	MR. BHAMBA: No. I -- they don't -- I only	00:08:28
8	have -- I don't have access to the captains. I only	00:08:29
9	have -- when they are going, I find out who's going,	00:08:32
10	where it is going. If I was, let's say, in the	00:08:36
11	Bahamas, then I will get to meet the captain or	00:08:38
12	something. But normally it is just --	00:08:41
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So at which point did	00:08:44
14	you so there was a point that you knew they were	00:08:46
15	going to leave here or whatever, or Haiti or	00:08:48
16	whatever, Bahamas, for instance.	00:08:51
17	MR. BHAMBA: Yes. They left from Haiti on a	00:08:52
18	plane.	00:08:53
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: On a plane, okay.	00:08:54
20	MR. BHAMBA: To Nassau.	00:08:56
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: To Nassau.	00:08:57
22	MR. BHAMBA: They got legal entry, okay.	00:08:58

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:09:01
2	MR. BHAMBA: And from there, they went to	00:09:02
3	Bimini, and from Bimini --	00:09:03
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So the minute -- the	00:09:06
5	minute they are ready to sail to the United	00:09:07
6	States --	00:09:09
7	MR. BHAMBA: They call me.	00:09:10
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: They will call you?	00:09:11
9	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. They will call -- Marcia	00:09:12
10	will call me, or whatever her contact person is,	00:09:13
11	will call me and say, this is what's happening.	00:09:16
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So you had -- so	00:09:19
13	someone must have called you and said, hey, the 26	00:09:21
14	people are ready to go?	00:09:23
15	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:09:24
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: When was that?	00:09:25
17	And --	00:09:27
18	MR. BHAMBA: I don't remember the exact	00:09:28
19	date, but --	00:09:29
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Do you have records	00:09:30
21	that would show that, meaning e-mails, or phone	00:09:31
22	calls? Would you have something to -- that we can	00:09:38

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1	actually go?	00:09:40
2	MR. BHAMBA: No, no. I lost that form, that	00:09:40
3	form that had all the record. I had the record,	00:09:43
4	there was -- Marcia sent me e-mail that four people	00:09:47
5	that were caught. She sent me e-mail, the link,	00:09:51
6	news link, also.	00:09:56
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:09:58
8	MR. BHAMBA: That, you know, we saw that.	00:09:58
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Showing that there	00:10:02
10	were caught?	00:10:02
11	MR. BHAMBA: They were getting -- four of	00:10:03
12	them were caught.	00:10:04
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. So more or	00:10:06
14	less, when was the date when that load sailed to the	00:10:07
15	United States?	00:10:11
16	MR. BHAMBA: I am not aware, but I was --	00:10:12
17	let me see if I have that on this. No.	00:10:16
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: We're going to get --	00:10:20
19	I'm going -- I'm going to -- I'm go to highlight	00:10:22
20	here, we're going to get to that thing.	00:10:26
21	MR. BHAMBA: I have this, the tickets.	00:10:27
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: You have the tickets	00:10:30

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1	great. You got them. Perfect.	00:10:32
2	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:10:33
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So we're going to get	00:10:33
4	that date now. Just now for me --	00:10:34
5	MR. BHAMBA: Uh-huh.	00:10:37
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So I can --	00:10:37
7	MR. BHAMBA: I have the tickets they	00:10:37
8	traveled on.	00:10:39
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Perfect.	00:10:39
10	MR. BHAMBA: I have the tickets.	00:10:40
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Now, let me ask you	00:10:41
12	something.	00:10:41
13	MR. BHAMBA: Huh?	00:10:42
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Is it the same day	00:10:42
15	that they were intercepted?	00:10:44
16	MR. BHAMBA: Yes, yes.	00:10:45
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: They left?	00:10:46
18	MR. BHAMBA: Same date. Same.	00:10:46
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So we're talking	00:10:47
20	about -- so once they sail out to the United States,	00:10:47
21	it is just, what, a couple of hours, right?	00:10:50
22	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. Four or five hours.	00:10:51

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1	What they do, they go in the -- like they are going	00:10:53
2	towards -- on the back of Bimini you know, from that	00:10:59
3	side, and like they are going towards Cuba.	00:11:01
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So they left at	00:11:05
5	morning or at night?	00:11:06
6	MR. BHAMBA: No, they left around -- that I	00:11:08
7	remember. They had left around 9:00.	00:11:13
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: In the afternoon?	00:11:17
9	MR. BHAMBA: Night.	00:11:18
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Night. So, so --	00:11:18
11	MR. BHAMBA: And they -- they reached over	00:11:20
12	there, they took -- they reached over there	00:11:23
13	something around 2:00 or something.	00:11:25
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So they sailed to US	00:11:29
15	at around -- approximately --	00:11:31
16	MR. BHAMBA: 9:00 p.m.	00:11:32
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- 9:00 p.m.	00:11:32
18	MR. BHAMBA: That's when they told me	00:11:34
19	they're gone.	00:11:35
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And they were	00:11:35
21	arrested, daylight?	00:11:36
22	MR. BHAMBA: No. They were arrested in --	00:11:37

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1	in the wee hours in the morning, like something like	00:11:40
2	4:00 or so.	00:11:42
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: 4:00 in the morning?	00:11:44
4	MR. BHAMBA: 4:00 in the morning. But they	00:11:45
5	had been over there for a while.	00:11:47
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Wait a minute. They	00:11:48
7	walked in a store.	00:11:49
8	MR. BHAMBA: They were walking into a store.	00:11:51
9	But later on they found the boat abandoned.	00:11:52
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Yeah, but 4:00 in the	00:11:56
11	morning, there's no stores open.	00:11:57
12	MR. BHAMBA: I don't know, but I think there	00:11:59
13	was a store. That was a story, and that's the story	00:12:01
14	they gave me.	00:12:04
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:12:06
16	MR. BHAMBA: Most probably there was a	00:12:06
17	store, I think a 24-hour store, or whatever. One of	00:12:08
18	the Jamaicans had lost his boots.	00:12:11
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:12:14
20	MR. BHAMBA: And that's the way that they	00:12:14
21	went for that --	00:12:15
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: It was the same day	00:12:18

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1	they were arrested?	00:12:19
2	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah, yeah.	00:12:20
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And that what --	00:12:20
4	MR. BHAMBA: It is in the footage, you know,	00:12:21
5	news footage.	00:12:22
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: All right. So out of	00:12:23
7	that group, 26 people, pretty much all of them	00:12:24
8	except these five people made it.	00:12:29
9	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. I can give you an	00:12:31
10	example, okay. In this phone I have at least	00:12:32
11	something, okay. That will give you an example of	00:12:35
12	how things are.	00:12:39
13	Like here, it will tell me this boat is	00:12:44
14	going, and I would say, no, come on. It is	00:12:56
15	(inaudible) boat, you know. You are putting them	00:13:00
16	lives -- guys' lives in jeopardy. Give them a good	00:13:02
17	boat. And then she will send me a picture of the	00:13:05
18	boat that is going. Okay, that boat -- she's -- I	00:13:07
19	got robbed, okay. I was taking some guys who --	00:13:11
20	some guy in -- was putting me across to Puerto Rico.	00:13:15
21	And that guy is a guy from here, okay. And he --	00:13:20
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: From here, meaning	00:13:23

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1	the Dominican Republic?	00:13:25
2	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:13:27
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:13:28
4	MR. BHAMBA: He's basically an American.	00:13:28
5	He's from Puerto Rico.	00:13:30
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: He's a Puerto Rican	00:13:32
7	that lives here in --	00:13:34
8	MR. BHAMBA: Okay.	00:13:36
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Do you know his name?	00:13:36
10	MR. BHAMBA: I know -- I don't know his	00:13:38
11	name, but he used to work through circles. And	00:13:39
12	right now you got about eight individuals in Puerto	00:13:43
13	Rico. I got the phone number, if you can put a	00:13:50
14	track --	00:13:53
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Eight illegal aliens	00:13:54
16	in Puerto Rican that are stashed?	00:13:55
17	MR. BHAMBA: Stashed. And they have applied	00:13:57
18	for political asylum.	00:13:58
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Oh. So they are	00:14:02
20	not -- if they applied for political asylum, they	00:14:02
21	arrested them, or they presented themselves?	00:14:05
22	MR. BHAMBA: No, they presented themselves	00:14:07

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1	through a lawyer, and it is a big racket. Okay.	00:14:09
2	What they do is they present themselves, they are	00:14:11
3	given 12 days to get the fingerprints --	00:14:14
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: What I mean -- what I	00:14:16
5	mean if I ask you if they are stashed, what I'm	00:14:17
6	trying to --	00:14:19
7	MR. BHAMBA: No, no. First they were	00:14:20
8	stashed, okay, now --	00:14:21
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Do you -- okay, good.	00:14:23
10	MR. BHAMBA: I've learned that --	00:14:24
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: We understand what	00:14:25
12	"stashed" means.	00:14:25
13	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:14:26
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Stashed is that they	00:14:26
15	are in a house, in a safe house --	00:14:27
16	MR. BHAMBA: They were in a house.	00:14:29
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Thank you. Good.	00:14:30
18	MR. BHAMBA: Safe house.	00:14:30
19	Now they've gone to a lawyer. They have	00:14:31
20	contacted -- the lawyer has told immigration.	00:14:32
21	Immigration gave them 12 days. They got the	00:14:36
22	fingerprints done, and --	00:14:38

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So they're out of	00:14:41
2	(inaudible) now. They're out there already?	00:14:42
3	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:14:44
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: In the safe house.	00:14:44
5	MR. BHAMBA: They're out there.	00:14:45
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. You are saying	00:14:46
7	that Puerto Rican that lives here was responsible	00:14:47
8	for them?	00:14:50
9	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. What he did was he got	00:14:51
10	that group out from St. Kitts.	00:14:54
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:14:56
12	MR. BHAMBA: From St. Kitts, he brought them	00:14:57
13	a boat to St. Martin. From St. Martin he got them	00:15:01
14	to St. Thomas, and from St. Thomas they crossed on a	00:15:05
15	ferry.	00:15:08
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And we're going to	00:15:09
17	go -- we're going to come back -- listen. We're	00:15:10
18	going to come back to all these people, okay, and we	00:15:11
19	are going to tie them up. And I'll tell you how	00:15:14
20	we're going to do it later on.	00:15:16
21	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. Let me just show you --	00:15:18
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: But going -- yeah, go	00:15:19

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1	ahead. Finish showing me that. Let me see.	00:15:21
2	MR. BHAMBA: Doesn't really give you an	00:15:23
3	idea, okay, this individual, he got me robbed over	00:15:24
4	there, this Puerto Rican guy. Because he was afraid	00:15:28
5	I got his picture and all that and too much	00:15:31
6	information on his phone.	00:15:33
7	So, because I had to have it. I didn't	00:15:45
8	delete things, you know. I always kept them.	00:15:55
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: I am going to pause	00:15:58
10	the videocamera until you find the pictures.	00:15:59
11	MR. BHAMBA: Yes, I got it through.	00:16:01
12	(Short pause in the audio recording.)	
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. We're	00:00:00
14	recording now. You have found the picture that you	00:00:01
15	were going to show me.	00:00:05
16	What you are showing me now, what I am	00:00:06
17	looking at, is a picture --	00:00:08
18	MR. BHAMBA: A boat that --	00:00:10
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- on your phone of a	00:00:11
20	boat.	00:00:12
21	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. This was the boat they	00:00:12
22	were supposed to go in, but he put them in a smaller	00:00:14

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1	boat, and one guy died.	00:00:17
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:00:19
3	MR. BHAMBA: And the person's dead body is	00:00:19
4	in Evergreen mortuary.	00:00:21
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: That person that	00:00:24
6	died --	00:00:25
7	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:00:25
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- was that person	00:00:26
9	one of your -- one of the people that you were	00:00:27
10	responsible for?	00:00:30
11	MR. BHAMBA: He was went through here.	00:00:31
12	Through me.	00:00:33
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Went through here,	00:00:34
14	meaning he went through the Dominican Republic.	00:00:35
15	MR. BHAMBA: Through Paul.	00:00:38
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Through you.	00:00:38
17	MR. BHAMBA: Through Paul.	00:00:38
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Through Paul.	00:00:39
19	So it was Paul -- it was -- that alien	00:00:40
20	belonged to Paul?	00:00:44
21	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:00:45
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And Paul hired --	00:00:45

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1	called you?	00:00:46
2	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. And I called Marcia.	00:00:47
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And you called	00:00:49
4	Marcia. You put them in contact with Marcia.	00:00:49
5	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:00:53
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:00:53
7	MR. BHAMBA: And he went from here to Haiti.	00:00:53
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Now, that individual	00:00:56
9	that died, was he part of this 26 people --	00:00:57
10	MR. BHAMBA: No, no, no.	00:01:01
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. So we're	00:01:02
12	talking about another venture.	00:01:02
13	MR. BHAMBA: Another group.	00:01:04
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Another group.	00:01:05
15	And we will go back to that one, okay.	00:01:06
16	MR. BHAMBA: That group is currently in	00:01:08
17	custody in the Bahamas.	00:01:10
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:01:13
19	MR. BHAMBA: And his dead body is still over	00:01:14
20	there.	00:01:16
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: There's a lot --	00:01:16
22	there is a lot of people and -- you said it before,	00:01:17

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1	you have helped out smuggle, what, hundreds, if	00:01:21
2	not --	00:01:24
3	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:01:25
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: More than that? But	00:01:25
5	that's the figure that you used, right?	00:01:26
6	MR. BHAMBA: Yes.	00:01:28
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And I do understand,	00:01:28
8	there's a lot of people out there, and -- but we	00:01:29
9	need to focus on just 26 people now. And then from	00:01:31
10	here, because this is what I am going to use for --	00:01:35
11	to go on developed, as a base --	00:01:38
12	MR. BHAMBA: Okay.	00:01:41
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- is a good word.	00:01:41
14	Out of the 26 people, you mentioned that	00:01:42
15	five people belonged to you.	00:01:46
16	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. Four went away.	00:01:50
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Four of them --	00:01:52
18	MR. BHAMBA: Went away.	00:01:53
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- made it through,	00:01:55
20	reunited with their families in the United States,	00:01:57
21	wherever that may be, and one of them --	00:02:00
22	MR. BHAMBA: Got caught.	00:02:03

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Got caught.	00:02:04
2	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:02:04
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And one of them got	00:02:05
4	caught with four other Indians that belonged to --	00:02:06
5	MR. BHAMBA: Gupta.	00:02:10
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: To Gupta.	00:02:10
7	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:02:13
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:02:13
9	MR. BHAMBA: Gupta -- yeah.	00:02:13
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And he had made	00:02:14
11	arrangements with --	00:02:16
12	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. Gupta had made	00:02:17
13	arrangements, he'd been -- okay. Marcia has a habit	00:02:18
14	of, you know --	00:02:22
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Let me ask you	00:02:23
16	something. Were you supposed to get paid --	00:02:23
17	MR. BHAMBA: For --	00:02:26
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- for --	00:02:26
19	MR. BHAMBA: Those four, too.	00:02:27
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: For those four, too.	00:02:28
21	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:02:29
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So it will be four	00:02:29

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1	plus five.	00:02:32
2	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:02:33
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So you were supposed	00:02:34
4	to be paid for 9 individuals.	00:02:35
5	MR. BHAMBA: 9.	00:02:37
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: 9 Indians.	00:02:38
7	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:02:39
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: At which point here	00:02:39
9	in the Dominican Republic, you dealt with them,	00:02:41
10	right?	00:02:43
11	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah, yeah.	00:02:43
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. Now, how much	00:02:44
13	were you supposed to get paid for this 9th	00:02:45
14	individual.	00:02:48
15	MR. BHAMBA: Nine individuals, normally they	00:02:49
16	would pay me something like 4,000 dollars for all	00:02:52
17	their travels, setting up everything. The bulk of	00:02:56
18	the money goes to all our -- the main guy behind the	00:03:00
19	whole thing is Paul, or --	00:03:05
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: You are supposed to	00:03:08
21	get 4,000 dollars --	00:03:09
22	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:03:10

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- per individual.	00:03:10
2	MR. BHAMBA: Per individual.	00:03:11
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:03:13
4	MR. BHAMBA: Plus whatever expense.	00:03:13
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And it was 9.	00:03:17
6	All right. So that -- who would pay you	00:03:22
7	that money? The alien, when they come here, or --	00:03:25
8	MR. BHAMBA: No, no.	00:03:29
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- or how do you get	00:03:29
10	that money?	00:03:30
11	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. That money is paid,	00:03:31
12	okay, it is transferred from the -- on wire, Western	00:03:32
13	Union.	00:03:41
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:03:42
15	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. This is how it is	00:03:43
16	transferred. Now, because it is very hard to get	00:03:44
17	money. There are two ways of getting money. You	00:03:46
18	are going to get money in New York, that is a hawala	00:03:48
19	system.	00:03:52
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:03:53
21	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. It still works, fully	00:03:53
22	thriving. You give someone in India the money,	00:03:56

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1	someone in New York, a dweller or some other	00:03:59
2	businessman. He just comes over there, calls you, a	00:04:03
3	number. You give him a note, the note number that	00:04:06
4	you have sent over there to India. You deliver the	00:04:11
5	note, ten dollar note, and it has that individual	00:04:13
6	number. He checks the number with the number that	00:04:16
7	he got WhatsApp from there. He gives you 30,000 or	00:04:18
8	40,000 or 50,000, whatever you have, and then	00:04:22
9	someone sends it to Western Union from USA.	00:04:24
10	There's a new one, because USA has become	00:04:27
11	very hard on that. So there's a new way of	00:04:30
12	transferring money, okay. That way is, what they do	00:04:32
13	is they take the money over there in India, they	00:04:36
14	have individuals in UK, they have individuals in	00:04:40
15	France, they have individuals in Dubai, okay. Those	00:04:44
16	individuals in Europe and the -- even in Amsterdam,	00:04:48
17	they transfer the money directly to Santo Domingo or	00:04:52
18	Dominican Republic.	00:04:56
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:05:02
20	MR. BHAMBA: So that is how it is.	00:05:03
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So someone --	00:05:04
22	MR. BHAMBA: I showed some --	00:05:04

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: At some point you are	00:05:05
2	supposed to get 36,000 dollars. And we are	00:05:06
3	referring to --	00:05:07
4	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:05:09
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- the group of nine	00:05:09
6	people that you were responsible for?	00:05:10
7	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:05:12
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. So you do you	00:05:13
9	get paid -- do you get your payment already for	00:05:13
10	that?	00:05:16
11	MR. BHAMBA: No, no, they never paid me.	00:05:16
12	Because Gupta reneged on his --	00:05:17
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: They didn't pay you,	00:05:19
14	but it is not that they will not pay you, I mean --	00:05:20
15	MR. BHAMBA: No.	00:05:23
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- that money will	00:05:23
17	come from --	00:05:23
18	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. But they did -- the	00:05:24
19	reason is this one guy got arrested, so Paul won't	00:05:26
20	pay me for that, and he's --	00:05:29
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: For that particular	00:05:30
22	one?	00:05:31

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1	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. Because one got	00:05:31
2	arrested, and he's got --	00:05:32
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: What about for the	00:05:33
4	four people that made it?	00:05:34
5	MR. BHAMBA: The four people, because this	00:05:35
6	one guy has not paid in a single cent, and his money	00:05:37
7	is stuck. So that's punishment.	00:05:44
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. But he's going	00:05:46
9	to pay you?	00:05:46
10	MR. BHAMBA: He is.	00:05:47
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: According to you,	00:05:48
12	right?	00:05:49
13	MR. BHAMBA: But, you know --	00:05:49
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: There's no indication	00:05:50
15	that -- he has not given you any reason or told you	00:05:51
16	that he's not going to pay you?	00:05:54
17	MR. BHAMBA: He has said, you know, if I	00:05:57
18	don't get my money for this one guy arrested, you	00:05:58
19	know, then I am not going to pay you. I am going to	00:06:00
20	deduct the money from you.	00:06:04
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. So, basically,	00:06:06
22	what would happen then, you lost the money for that	00:06:09

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1	particular --	00:06:11
2	MR. BHAMBA: Yes.	00:06:12
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: But what about for	00:06:12
4	subsequent people that are coming then --	00:06:13
5	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:06:14
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- you would get	00:06:14
7	paid?	00:06:15
8	MR. BHAMBA: I will, I will.	00:06:16
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So if he gets a loss,	00:06:17
10	you will get a loss.	00:06:17
11	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:06:20
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. Okay.	00:06:20
13	MR. BHAMBA: He --	00:06:22
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: This is --	00:06:24
15	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:06:24
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: This is very	00:06:24
17	important that we cover, you know.	00:06:25
18	MR. BHAMBA: The thing is, I learned from	00:06:27
19	him, okay, I didn't know that -- okay, things were	00:06:28
20	going good.	00:06:31
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:06:32
22	MR. BHAMBA: Things are going good, okay.	00:06:32

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1	He was sending them to Mexico, okay. I was managing	00:06:33
2	them from Curacao, things were going good, his	00:06:37
3	people were going to States. No problem, okay.	00:06:40
4	But now I realize one thing, that he is a	00:06:45
5	little bit of a greedy individual. Okay. He fudges	00:06:47
6	a lot in the accounts. When he sees any loss, he	00:06:51
7	tries to put that loss on you. When it is a profit,	00:06:55
8	he tries to, you know, just -- oh, I paid you that,	00:06:58
9	I paid you this. So he has that habit. But if, you	00:07:02
10	know, things are going good, and, you know, you just	00:07:06
11	figure it will be resolved.	00:07:11
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Yeah. So it is a	00:07:15
13	business loss. Every business has losses, right?	00:07:17
14	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:07:19
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So, okay.	00:07:19
16	MR. BHAMBA: Now he is blaming me for these	00:07:19
17	individuals who are caught over there, the guy who	00:07:21
18	died, he's blaming me for that, you know.	00:07:23
19	Whereas --	00:07:26
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Why?	00:07:27
21	MR. BHAMBA: He's saying, oh, you put	00:07:27
22	them -- okay. He was dealing with Marcia, himself,	00:07:29

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1	okay.	00:07:32
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:07:33
3	MR. BHAMBA: And he sent the money over	00:07:33
4	there and all. Oh, you put them in a bad boat, and	00:07:34
5	all. Okay. I didn't put them in a bad boat. I	00:07:37
6	told Marcia, don't send them on a rickety boat,	00:07:40
7	okay. She was going to put them on a small boat. I	00:07:42
8	said, no. Don't put them. The guys' safety is	00:07:45
9	first. Put them on a nice boat. You are charging	00:07:49
10	money for that. You are getting paid something	00:07:52
11	like, you know, ten grand to do the job. So do the	00:07:53
12	job.	00:07:59
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So Marcia, Marcia was	00:08:00
14	the one who made the arrangements?	00:08:01
15	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:08:03
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: To get that -- the	00:08:04
17	deceased on a boat?	00:08:05
18	MR. BHAMBA: Yes. She got all those -- they	00:08:06
19	were total individuals, six individuals.	00:08:08
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And how -- are you --	00:08:12
21	I mean, that's what you were told. Who told you	00:08:16
22	that Marcia was the one who did the arrangements?	00:08:18

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1	Are you guessing that she was, -- that she did --	00:08:20
2	MR. BHAMBA: No, no, no.	00:08:22
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- or do you have --	00:08:23
4	MR. BHAMBA: I have --	00:08:23
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- you have strong	00:08:24
6	evidence that --	00:08:24
7	MR. BHAMBA: -- strong evidence.	00:08:25
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: What evidence do you	00:08:26
9	have that Marcia was the one who --	00:08:26
10	MR. BHAMBA: Because they stayed in the	00:08:29
11	house, they stayed in a house --	00:08:32
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:08:33
13	MR. BHAMBA: -- they lived in a house, her	00:08:33
14	brother took them over there. I talked to them on	00:08:34
15	the phone.	00:08:36
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: You called Marcia on	00:08:39
17	the phone and they were there?	00:08:40
18	MR. BHAMBA: We have to set it up. That's	00:08:41
19	not a problem. I can take these five individuals	00:08:42
20	who are there to Cuba, and I can bring all of them	00:08:45
21	back through Marcia, on the same airboat. And I can	00:08:49
22	get them out. And you can do whatever you want.	00:08:54

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:08:58
2	MR. BHAMBA: See, it's -- if you want to go	00:08:59
3	for -- you have to catch them red-handed.	00:09:01
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:09:04
5	MR. BHAMBA: If you don't catch them	00:09:05
6	red-handed, okay, and this is not one. Marcia's	00:09:06
7	just a tip of the iceberg. Okay, there's Shaba,	00:09:10
8	there's other people, there's immigration. You can	00:09:13
9	get a planeload on any of the islands, without	00:09:17
10	inspection, without anything.	00:09:20
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:09:22
12	MR. BHAMBA: And you can get ten	00:09:22
13	individuals, or five individuals straight over	00:09:23
14	there. No record. So you can well imagine, okay if	00:09:29
15	they are doing it for -- individuals without	00:09:30
16	passports for anyone, do you think they are asking	00:09:34
17	them that they are Chinese, Indian, or what.	00:09:37
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Let me ask you	00:09:39
19	something, Mr. Bhamba. Let's say that tomorrow, you	00:09:40
20	smuggle or you help smuggle five individuals into	00:09:47
21	the United States.	00:09:50
22	MR. BHAMBA: Uh-huh.	00:09:52

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And they get caught	00:09:52
2	by the police for whatever reasons, I mean, beyond	00:09:53
3	your control, do you still get paid?	00:09:57
4	MR. BHAMBA: No.	00:10:01
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Why is that? Since	00:10:03
6	you did -- this is just for me to understand. Why	00:10:04
7	is that, since you already did your part here,	00:10:06
8	what's your -- what you are here to do, to put them	00:10:07
9	on the boat and make arrangements. You did your	00:10:12
10	part.	00:10:13
11	MR. BHAMBA: No, that's not how it works.	00:10:14
12	That's how the system is. These guys charge	00:10:15
13	something like 60,000 or whatever, 60,000 US dollars	00:10:18
14	on a guarantee that they will make it. Now the rate	00:10:22
15	from the Mexico side is something like 22 lakhs.	00:10:25
16	That is about 45, okay. Now, in that individual,	00:10:32
17	okay, since Texas lets them go on a bond of 10,000	00:10:37
18	or 5,000, that is -- the deal is to go to prison.	00:10:41
19	So what they do is they purposely take them across,	00:10:46
20	and they get them arrested. They stay in the prison	00:10:49
21	for one or two months, get verified. There are	00:10:53
22	lawyers who arrange, you know, the guarantee and	00:10:56

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1	everything, some Indian lawyers, some US lawyers.	00:10:59
2	They are fully aware of who Paul is and all that.	00:11:02
3	Money goes from here.	00:11:05
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:11:07
5	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. And the system is, you	00:11:07
6	know, they get them out. They stay over there a	00:11:09
7	month or two and they get released. Once they touch	00:11:12
8	base in the (inaudible), they are guaranteed they	00:11:15
9	are going to get bail, they get the payment. What	00:11:19
10	happened here, until (inaudible) is not going to	00:11:23
11	come out.	00:11:27
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:11:27
13	MR. BHAMBA: He is not going to get bail, I	00:11:27
14	won't get paid. But once he gets bail, I get paid.	00:11:29
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. Now fair	00:11:34
16	enough.	00:11:35
17	Now, so it is fair to say they -- the four	00:11:35
18	people that made it --	00:11:39
19	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:11:41
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- you are going to	00:11:41
21	get your money back.	00:11:42
22	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. Because of this	00:11:43

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1	individual getting caught, he's using this, okay.	00:11:45
2	Now to further complicate the matter, okay, he's	00:11:48
3	saying these six got caught, and one guy died.	00:11:51
4	Now, I have nothing to do with the death.	00:11:58
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So the system you're	00:11:59
6	explaining, you know, works if he wants to make it	00:12:00
7	work, huh?	00:12:02
8	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:12:03
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So it's like, okay.	00:12:03
10	He can controls that.	00:12:04
11	MR. BHAMBA: He has my son. What can I do?	00:12:06
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So now -- now --	00:12:10
13	MR. BHAMBA: See, now I realize what	00:12:11
14	situation I am, and I decided, okay, I had a heart	00:12:13
15	attack.	00:12:17
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So there's no	00:12:18
17	guarantee that if he sends five people next week,	00:12:18
18	that you are going to get paid for it.	00:12:21
19	MR. BHAMBA: He (inaudible), he's not	00:12:26
20	even -- there's some things that crooks, you know,	00:12:29
21	have code of honor. He doesn't have that.	00:12:33
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:12:38

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1	MR. BHAMBA: It is just, you know, if he	00:12:38
2	sees things are going, he's going to make -- he's	00:12:40
3	such an individual -- and it is not only done with	00:12:43
4	me, you know. I came to know about that later, and,	00:12:46
5	you know, he's done it with big people in Mexico.	00:12:49
6	Like he will do business, he'll get a hundred people	00:12:51
7	out or whatever, then he'll, you know, get into some	00:12:53
8	problem. He'll get troops (inaudible) individual,	00:12:57
9	and then he'll bypass that individual, and he'll hit	00:13:02
10	him for 50,000 or 60,000. And then if things go bad	00:13:09
11	and he has to come back, and he's like, oh, shit,	00:13:12
12	you know, come on. I'll throw you a party. Come to	00:13:14
13	Paris anyhow. He'll buy them a ticket.	00:13:17
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So this individual	00:13:20
15	works with anybody then, huh?	00:13:21
16	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. He works with anyone.	00:13:25
17	Like, say --	00:13:26
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: If I meet him or	00:13:27
19	someone else meets him, he'll cut you out of the --	00:13:28
20	MR. BHAMBA: If I was to -- yeah.	00:13:31
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:13:32
22	MR. BHAMBA: If I was to, you know, send out	00:13:34

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1	five or six people, you know, ten people, and they	00:13:35
2	are (inaudible), we get them caught over there, and	00:13:37
3	ten people. And I say, oh, look. What a good	00:13:39
4	source I have. Ten people went across, they are	00:13:42
5	free. Nothing (inaudible).	00:13:45
6	And he will say, oh, you can't -- you know	00:13:48
7	that guy wants to -- he's a Mexican. You know, guy	00:13:51
8	wants to do big business, and you know. Do you want	00:13:54
9	to come and meet him, and he can arrange this, and	00:13:58
10	there's no hassle. He can fly them out from "X"	00:14:00
11	point and "X" point, and blah, blah.	00:14:03
12	He'll set up a meeting because he'll think	00:14:06
13	he'll get -- he has a Guatemalan girlfriend who	00:14:09
14	speaks Spanish. Then he will try to get the number,	00:14:12
15	and try to get (inaudible). So that is -- his greed	00:14:16
16	is his biggest thing that can get him.	00:14:21
17	But, otherwise, he doesn't winter out of the	00:14:24
18	country, he only talks to -- okay, the Indian cops,	00:14:25
19	they -- he has two cases, three cases, four cases	00:14:30
20	pending. He has paid bribes, cut them out from	00:14:32
21	there. He has a Canadian passport. He doesn't go	00:14:36
22	to Canada. He has one wife in Canada. He's	00:14:39

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1	divorced with her. And he has one wife over there.	00:14:43
2	But he had two wives at the same time. But no one	00:14:47
3	complains.	00:14:52
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh. Well, in	00:14:53
5	summary here, just to summarize that the particular	00:14:54
6	group that we're referring to, 26 individuals that	00:14:58
7	were smuggled, that other 21 -- that other 21 that	00:15:03
8	were onboard, okay --	00:15:06
9	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. There were some	00:15:07
10	Jamaicans, some --	00:15:08
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And let me give	00:15:10
12	you -- I gave you the wrong number. I'm sorry. It	00:15:11
13	wasn't supposed to be (inaudible), it was 17. The	00:15:12
14	other 17 people --	00:15:16
15	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:15:18
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- were not Indians,	00:15:18
17	they were --	00:15:19
18	MR. BHAMBA: No, they were Sri Lankans.	00:15:20
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Sri Lankans.	00:15:22
20	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. Five -- five and four.	00:15:23
21	Nine were Indians.	00:15:27
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:15:29

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1	MR. BHAMBA: Nine were Indians, and nine	00:15:29
2	were Indians, so -- yeah. 17 of them were -- four	00:15:33
3	of them were Sri Lankans. So 13 of them were either	00:15:37
4	Bahamian or with the captain and all that, or they	00:15:43
5	were, you know, Jamaicans.	00:15:47
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: All nationalities.	00:15:48
7	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. Some of them have	00:15:49
8	escaped, okay. Only the few individuals that	00:15:50
9	managed to get caught. One lady and one died.	00:15:53
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. Okay. Now,	00:15:58
11	have you -- do you know the whereabouts of the four	00:15:59
12	individuals that made it?	00:16:04
13	MR. BHAMBA: The four individuals that made	00:16:08
14	it? Yeah. I wouldn't know the address, but I can	00:16:09
15	get you the numbers, you know.	00:16:12
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Their phone numbers?	00:16:15
17	MR. BHAMBA: Their phone numbers of the --	00:16:16
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Of the relatives?	00:16:18
19	MR. BHAMBA: Of the relatives.	00:16:25
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. So it is fair	00:16:32
21	to say --	00:16:33
22	MR. BHAMBA: Uh-huh.	00:16:33

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- that you --	00:16:34
2	MR. BHAMBA: Even the numbers that are for	00:16:37
3	the Gupta's people, because they individually came	00:16:39
4	to me, so I have talked to their people. I can give	00:16:42
5	you their numbers, also, where individual number --	00:16:45
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So they actually	00:16:48
7	reached out to you while they were in transit to the	00:16:49
8	United States, or while the aliens were in transit	00:16:52
9	to the United States?	00:16:54
10	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. They came over here,	00:16:54
11	they came through me --	00:16:55
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: They also came over	00:16:56
13	here --	00:16:57
14	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah, I helped them get --	00:16:57
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: You met them face to	00:16:58
16	face?	00:16:59
17	MR. BHAMBA: Not face to face. I didn't	00:17:00
18	meet them --	00:17:02
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Why would they come	00:17:02
20	then over here?	00:17:03
21	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. They came over here	00:17:05
22	because I arranged to -- for them to come out, you	00:17:05

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1	know.	00:17:08
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Oh.	00:17:09
3	MR. BHAMBA: To get out of prison.	00:17:09
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So they -- they came	00:17:10
5	over here to meet with their loved ones, with them	00:17:11
6	while they were incarcerated, while they were in	00:17:15
7	prison?	00:17:16
8	MR. BHAMBA: No, no, they didn't come, but	00:17:17
9	the money was sent from the loved ones to, you know,	00:17:19
10	bribe the people over here, and I was in touch with	00:17:22
11	them, their parents and everyone.	00:17:25
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Oh, okay. You mean	00:17:29
13	to bribe the people over here, did you actually work	00:17:29
14	with government officials, yourself, in person, to	00:17:32
15	give money out and stuff like that, or what?	00:17:35
16	MR. BHAMBA: Not directly, because I don't	00:17:38
17	know the language. So, you know, there's Marcia was	00:17:40
18	used to say there was -- Marcia used a couple of	00:17:43
19	people over here to pay the bribes.	00:17:46
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And Marcia speaks	00:17:48
21	Spanish?	00:17:50
22	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. No, she doesn't, but she	00:17:50

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1	has some people who do.	00:17:52
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:17:55
3	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. She has some people in	00:17:56
4	Haiti who --	00:17:57
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Marcia came down	00:17:58
6	here, and she told --	00:17:58
7	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:18:00
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- officials here,	00:18:01
9	and she made it happen?	00:18:02
10	MR. BHAMBA: She made it happen.	00:18:03
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. But then at	00:18:05
12	some point here you talked to the relatives?	00:18:06
13	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:18:08
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Over the phone.	00:18:09
15	MR. BHAMBA: Yes, I talked to the relatives	00:18:09
16	from India, when they traveled from India, I met	00:18:10
17	them over there.	00:18:14
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: That's right.	00:18:15
19	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. I was -- at that time I	00:18:15
20	was in India.	00:18:17
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. So you -- so	00:18:18
22	you met them face to face once, but in India, not in	00:18:19

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1	the Dominican Republic?	00:18:21
2	MR. BHAMBA: No, not in the Dominican	00:18:23
3	Republic.	00:18:24
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:18:25
5	MR. BHAMBA: But I was in touch with them	00:18:26
6	all the time, we were here to get them food or, you	00:18:27
7	know, tell Marcia to give them food or whatever, or	00:18:30
8	get them out, how soon she was going to get them,	00:18:33
9	and when they were crossing over to Haiti, you know,	00:18:36
10	I was in touch with them.	00:18:38
11	When they reached Haiti, that's when they	00:18:40
12	switched tables, and they, you know, decided to not	00:18:42
13	pay me and anything and said, oh, we are going	00:18:47
14	Mexico. But I knew that this is what had happened,	00:18:49
15	that Gupta had gone behind my back and --	00:18:54
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: There is a lot of	00:18:56
17	money in this business.	00:18:57
18	MR. BHAMBA: Oh, yeah. A lot, a lot. And	00:18:59
19	there is back in the '90s, there used to be some	00:19:00
20	ethics. But now it is, you know --	00:19:08
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Everybody's getting	00:19:13
22	into the business.	00:19:14

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1	MR. BHAMBA: Yes. Everyone is getting into	00:19:15
2	it, and everyone is just, using stepping stones to	00:19:17
3	go to the next level, get some money and make it.	00:19:20
4	Now, this individual who's you got about 26	00:19:24
5	people right now more over there that are stashed.	00:19:28
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Where?	00:19:31
7	MR. BHAMBA: In Puerto Rico, at the same	00:19:32
8	place where these individuals are.	00:19:34
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Where the four that	00:19:36
10	left?	00:19:38
11	MR. BHAMBA: No, no.	00:19:38
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Where the four --	00:19:38
13	MR. BHAMBA: The -- there are -- there were	00:19:40
14	two, and then there are six, eight. Eight of them	00:19:41
15	have applied for political asylum.	00:19:45
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Eight of them, okay.	00:19:47
17	MR. BHAMBA: And now there are 26 more	00:19:48
18	people who have gone from Puerto Rico. Those went	00:19:50
19	from St. Martin.	00:19:54
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Now, do you have to	00:19:55
21	do with that, do you help them get to Puerto Rico?	00:19:56
22	MR. BHAMBA: No, I didn't, but I know, I	00:19:59

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1	know --	00:20:02
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: How do you know this?	00:20:02
3	MR. BHAMBA: I know this because I used to	00:20:03
4	work -- the guy who is the kingpin of that	00:20:07
5	operation, him and Dave, okay, he plans on buying	00:20:10
6	some stores in Michigan some place over there in the	00:20:15
7	next, he has made a couple of million dollars, okay.	00:20:18
8	He used to be a nephew of one of the guys I used to	00:20:21
9	work with in the '90s. And see, I am a name	00:20:26
10	respected, I never cheated everyone, so everyone	00:20:30
11	comes to me that I have been in this line for 30	00:20:33
12	years and what not. So they come to me and, you	00:20:35
13	know, I can virtually ask anyone anything, okay, we	00:20:38
14	are doing, can you do work for me. Okay, they will	00:20:43
15	say, okay, give us this much, and we will help your	00:20:45
16	people out.	00:20:49
17	Okay. I am -- I have some contacts with the	00:20:50
18	Sri Lankans. If you send me to -- Ecuador, I can	00:20:51
19	get you two, at least, I can get you that Sri Lankan	00:20:56
20	railway that is working from Ecuador to Mexico and	00:21:02
21	Mexico to the border. All the way to the main guy	00:21:08
22	who charges 3,000 dollars extra if they don't get	00:21:12

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1	arrested. But if they get arrested, you don't pay	00:21:14
2	them the 3,000.	00:21:16
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. How much money	00:21:17
4	have you made in -- and this is something just for	00:21:23
5	me. I want to -- how much money have you made or,	00:21:25
6	say, last year. Let's pick one year.	00:21:29
7	MR. BHAMBA: I have not made any money	00:21:31
8	because I got -- my first group was busted over	00:21:33
9	there in -- I was busted along with the main -- I	00:21:38
10	never worked with someone before, you know.	00:21:44
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Well, by what you	00:21:47
12	said, you have a list of a hundred people at least,	00:21:49
13	and you have smuggled in the past, these are --	00:21:51
14	that's what you said earlier.	00:21:54
15	MR. BHAMBA: No, I helped. I helped.	00:21:55
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Oh, you helped.	00:21:56
17	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:21:57
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So but when you help,	00:21:57
19	you are getting --	00:21:58
20	MR. BHAMBA: When you are getting the person	00:21:59
21	yourself from point A to point B, then you are	00:22:00
22	making all the money.	00:22:03

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And when you made all	00:22:05
2	the money, what do mean is all the money? What's --	00:22:06
3	what's the main quantities and amount and figures.	00:22:09
4	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. Let's say if you get a	00:22:10
5	guy, your own guy --	00:22:12
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:22:13
7	MR. BHAMBA: -- let's say I had the	00:22:13
8	finances, okay, I am using all these guys, because I	00:22:14
9	don't have the finances. I came from the street,	00:22:18
10	from little. I didn't have -- wanted to, at this	00:22:22
11	particular time when I started back in this, from	00:22:26
12	2001, you can check the record, I worked under the	00:22:29
13	name of Rajinder Kumar in Columbus, Ohio. I lived	00:22:33
14	with my wife, I sired a son, that is Amrinda Son	00:22:38
15	Bhamba (phonetic), and I was clean as a whistle.	00:22:42
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:22:46
17	MR. BHAMBA: I didn't do anything after I	00:22:46
18	got arrested. I left this job. I never talked to	00:22:48
19	anyone, I never talked to any Indian. The only	00:22:51
20	person I talked to is my wife. I never even picked	00:22:54
21	up the phone for anyone, okay.	00:22:56
22	I got a driving license, I worked at a	00:22:59

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1	courier company. I had my own courier company,	00:23:02
2	Bhamba, Inc. I worked --	00:23:04
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Where?	00:23:06
4	MR. BHAMBA: In Columbus, Ohio, okay.	00:23:07
5	That's when my wife got in an accident in	00:23:10
6	2005, December. I got involved with -- I had an	00:23:13
7	individual by the name of Suresh (phonetic). He	00:23:22
8	introduced me to a Moroccan lady, okay. The	00:23:24
9	Moroccan lady had a divorce case pending against her	00:23:28
10	American husband.	00:23:33
11	Okay. I was, you know, working something	00:23:36
12	like 12 hours, driving for, you know, my company.	00:23:39
13	And I had some individuals who were Pakistanis and	00:23:43
14	Somalis, who were working with me, some Americans,	00:23:46
15	okay, as drivers. And we had about seven to ten	00:23:49
16	vehicles, ten vehicles.	00:23:51
17	Everything was (inaudible) after my wife's	00:23:54
18	death, I got a good contract for AutoZone, and I got	00:23:56
19	for all Columbus, Ohio region, from that side. All	00:24:03
20	AutoZone stores I was supposed to deliver. So that	00:24:07
21	was a big -- something like three million dollar	00:24:09
22	contract.	00:24:14

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:24:15
2	MR. BHAMBA: And I bought some more	00:24:15
3	vehicles, and I was doing my job. But I needed	00:24:16
4	someone to take care of my son because I couldn't	00:24:19
5	take -- wake him up at 5:00, leave him to the	00:24:22
6	baby-sitter and then, you know, come back in the	00:24:24
7	night. And I felt panicky that, you know, if	00:24:27
8	something happened to me or, you know, who would	00:24:30
9	take care of my son, if -- so I got involved through	00:24:32
10	someone with a Moroccan lady. That's where my life	00:24:35
11	was perfect. I had a house, I had a cars, I had a	00:24:39
12	vehicles, I had money, and all legit, I worked	00:24:43
13	(inaudible) for.	00:24:48
14	I married this Moroccan lady, Barbara Hiat	00:24:48
15	(phonetic), okay. And it's (inaudible) Barbara	00:24:51
16	Hiat, something like that. I married that lady	00:24:57
17	under my Rajinder Kumar name. The marriage is	00:25:00
18	registered there. I got a citizenship, once I was	00:25:04
19	in confident that she was with me, I told her the	00:25:08
20	truth, okay. She found out that I had money from my	00:25:11
21	ex-wife's insurance, 150.	00:25:15
22	First she started cleaning me out, she	00:25:21

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1 started -- she said, if you have to marry me, you 00:25:25

2 have to convert to Islam. 00:25:28

3 I thought, okay, no big deal. I have been a 00:25:30

4 Christian all my life. I am born Hindu parents. So 00:25:32

5 what's the big deal. Islam didn't seem that off to 00:25:36

6 me. So I converted in Islam in Columbus. That was 00:25:39

7 in 2006. Then she -- I start to get some 00:25:44

8 individuals who were, you know, say come to the 00:25:50

9 mosque, and then they would take me to the house, 00:25:52

10 they started, you know, showing me pictures, videos. 00:25:55

11 I was in a very bad state. You know, my wife had 00:25:58

12 died, I was working so many hours. And then I -- 00:26:01

13 when I got any time off, there was on a Sunday, I 00:26:05

14 had to go and sit with these individuals and talk to 00:26:09

15 them, and, you know, they were trying to teach me 00:26:12

16 Islam and all that. 00:26:14

17 They were like, you know, you got nothing in 00:26:20

18 life, you know. They were not trying to encourage 00:26:22

19 me to do anything. They were trying to, you know, 00:26:24

20 tell me that I should do something for Islam or 00:26:28

21 whatever. And, you know, I panicked, okay. I 00:26:30

22 panicked and, you know, there was something about 00:26:36

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1 she told -- and then to make matters worse, at that  
2 time the divorce was just going through. And she  
3 said, okay, I want you to -- not -- the divorce had  
4 already gone through, but her assets were being --  
5 and when her assets were being divided and all that,  
6 she found out that I had a gun, okay.

7 Now, I had a felony record, and, you know, I  
8 was not -- that gun was bought in 1990. Something  
9 like '92 or '93, when I didn't have any arrests or  
10 anything. And that was a .38. It was with my  
11 ex-wife. And after she moved out on me, that was in  
12 the, you know, stuff, the house stuff, and I never  
13 touched it. But then I, you know, put it in the  
14 attic. And, plus, my money, because at that time I  
15 was illegal. I didn't -- my wife who died, she was  
16 legal, and she had an account in her name and all  
17 that, so that was fine. Now I was without her, I  
18 didn't have anything in my name. So I -- all the  
19 money I kept it over there. Some gold jewelry and  
20 all that.

21 Then she started this thing, okay, you take  
22 my son over there, and to Canada, and I am a

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1	Canadian citizen, and I will get you Canadian papers	00:27:56
2	and all that. And, you know, kill my husband.	00:28:01
3	So I refused that. She even took me around	00:28:03
4	there, showed me how, you know, to the place was he	00:28:06
5	lived in a farm and all that. I said, no way, I am	00:28:10
6	not killing anyone or anything. I am not doing	00:28:12
7	that. You know, you can -- you have a gun, you	00:28:16
8	know, I have someone, you know, there was a guy I	00:28:19
9	contacted him, Spanish guy, he got into an accident,	00:28:22
10	otherwise he would have done it, if he needed a gun,	00:28:26
11	can you give me the gun. I said, no, I am not doing	00:28:28
12	any of that.	00:28:30
13	That said, then she started taking me to	00:28:31
14	some individuals who would -- you know, you are --	00:28:34
15	take your son to Canada. She even took him to	00:28:37
16	Canada twice. He said, okay, you go to Canada, and,	00:28:41
17	you know, these days, you said, I want you to go to	00:28:45
18	Canada to pick up something. And in the same time,	00:28:47
19	that is that incident when that car bomb was, you	00:28:50
20	know, caught with in Michigan (inaudible). And I	00:28:56
21	had a courier company. So, you know, I was supposed	00:28:59
22	to go and pick up something. I don't know if it was	00:29:02

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1	that, but there was a lot of hush, hush and all	00:29:03
2	that, you know. So I got a little scared.	00:29:06
3	And she was like, okay, you have to do the	00:29:10
4	mosque, you have to go this. Okay. This is kosher,	00:29:12
5	this is this, you can't eat this, you can't eat	00:29:15
6	that, you know, and this is (inaudible).	00:29:18
7	So it got to a point that, you know, and I	00:29:22
8	had some relatives come in, you know, and she	00:29:24
9	wouldn't want to stay with them. Said they can't	00:29:27
10	stay in the same house, I am Muslim, and they are	00:29:29
11	not Muslim.	00:29:33
12	So I ad to put them in a hotel. So things	00:29:34
13	got a little hairy. And she said, you know, you	00:29:36
14	should sacrifice yourself for Islam and do	00:29:39
15	something. And too much, you know, my head was like	00:29:42
16	spinning.	00:29:45
17	So there was another group that worked for	00:29:45
18	me. And she said, you know, let me take my stuff	00:29:49
19	and use it to lock, to lock me in, you know, she	00:29:54
20	said to lock, to lock, and I said (inaudible) I	00:29:57
21	thought never -- I never thought that, you know, she	00:29:58
22	knew -- she didn't know about the money. She knew	00:30:00

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1 about the gun, but she didn't know about the money. 00:30:03

2 And I started living with my son in my -- 00:30:06

3 where my job was, my company was. There were two 00:30:09

4 individual rooms that we had for drivers so I 00:30:13

5 started living over there. She said I can't live 00:30:16

6 with you in the same house because the 00:30:18

7 (inaudible) to lock, to lock, and then she just 00:30:21

8 cleaned me out when I went back. 00:30:23

9 And then she threatened that, you know, I 00:30:25

10 know -- have both your passports. She has Rajinder 00:30:27

11 Kumar's passport with her, plus the gun, plus about 00:30:30

12 a hundred bullets, and a .38 (inaudible). It was in 00:30:34

13 my name, Yadvinder Singh Bhamba. 00:30:38

14 And then I got involved with this other 00:30:43

15 group that was working with me. They were 00:30:45

16 Pakistanis. They said, you know, you get yourself 00:30:47

17 circumcised, and, you know, we will intercede in. 00:30:51

18 Then I started being friendly with them -- 00:30:55

19 SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So you finally -- you 00:30:57

20 finally got out of that? 00:30:58

21 MR. BHAMBA: I just -- I left everything. I 00:31:01

22 was so panicky from the situation. 00:31:02

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And now you left them	00:31:04
2	what year?	00:31:06
3	MR. BHAMBA: 2006.	00:31:08
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: 2006.	
5	MR. BHAMBA: I left for North Carolina. I	00:31:09
6	left all my vehicle, my house, everything.	00:31:12
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Went to North	00:31:14
8	Carolina?	00:31:15
9	MR. BHAMBA: Yes. And I went to North	00:31:15
10	Carolina. I just literally vanished from there. I	00:31:17
11	didn't take anything. I left my car keys,	00:31:20
12	everything. Everything, just went alone with myself	00:31:23
13	and got out of it.	00:31:27
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: But yourself?	00:31:29
15	MR. BHAMBA: Yes. Me and my son lived over	00:31:30
16	there at a hotel. I worked as a manager for Ramada	00:31:31
17	Inn. Then I worked for Econolodge.	00:31:37
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And the son you are	00:31:39
19	referring to is the son that is --	00:31:39
20	MR. BHAMBA: In there.	00:31:41
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: In boarding school?	00:31:42
22	MR. BHAMBA: Boarding school.	00:31:43

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: How old was he when	00:31:46
2	you were living in North Carolina?	00:31:47
3	MR. BHAMBA: I lived in North Carolina, he	00:31:49
4	was five years -- six years old. He was born on	00:31:51
5	9-11-2001. Same day, same time.	00:31:54
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Same day, same time.	00:31:57
7	MR. BHAMBA: Yes. Same place. New York.	00:31:59
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: All right. So --	00:32:02
9	MR. BHAMBA: After that my life has never	00:32:06
10	been the same.	00:32:07
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:32:07
12	MR. BHAMBA: I have --	00:32:08
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: I want to -- I want	00:32:09
14	to -- I need to know, Mr. Bhamba, at which point and	00:32:10
15	what year, if you can just mention a year, doesn't	00:32:13
16	have to be -- if you know the month, better, but you	00:32:16
17	started, again, in this business.	00:32:19
18	MR. BHAMBA: In this business, I started	00:32:22
19	back in 2013, April.	00:32:23
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: April. Okay. Now,	00:32:27
21	roughly, between April 2013 and to the present, how	00:32:32
22	many people can you say that you have --	00:32:40

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1	MR. BHAMBA: Helped? Okay. Individually, I	00:32:43
2	have helped more than four hundred, give or take.	00:32:45
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: More than four	00:32:48
4	hundred. When you say help, I want to -- I want	00:32:56
5	you -- this is what I want you to clarify here.	00:32:59
6	Four hundred. You say helped. Is that you have	00:33:01
7	done some sort of arrangements or transportation or	00:33:06
8	some sort of process for them so they can come into	00:33:13
9	the United States or travel to the United States, or	00:33:18
10	get smuggled into the United States?	00:33:21
11	MR. BHAMBA: Yes, sir. Okay. I have	00:33:23
12	assisted in them, okay, I had a contact in Curacao,	00:33:24
13	okay. In Curacao, they would come to Curacao, like	00:33:28
14	they are going from India to Jamaica.	00:33:32
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:33:35
16	MR. BHAMBA: They would get transit in	00:33:36
17	Curacao. I had some individuals over there working	00:33:38
18	for the airlines, (inaudible) airlines and some	00:33:41
19	immigration officials, who would assist them coming	00:33:44
20	out. I would charge them 4,000 per person, okay.	00:33:48
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: 4,000.	
22	MR. BHAMBA: 4,000 per person. Out of that,	00:33:50

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1	I will give them 2000 to give them boarding pass to	00:33:55
2	Mexico or Cancun. Boarding pass for Mexico and	00:33:59
3	Cancun. And they would put them on the flight, they	00:34:05
4	go fly from Curacao to Bogota, Bogota to --	00:34:08
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So you would charge	00:34:12
6	them 4,000 dollars and --	00:34:13
7	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. And I would make 1,500	00:34:14
8	dollars after paying everyone.	00:34:16
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: After paying everyone	00:34:19
10	you made 1,500 dollars.	00:34:21
11	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:34:23
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: All right. And that	00:34:23
13	was you bringing them, that was your load, you	00:34:25
14	arranged for that particular --	00:34:28
15	MR. BHAMBA: No. People arranged for it.	00:34:29
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: People arranged for	00:34:31
17	them.	00:34:32
18	MR. BHAMBA: I would just get the passport	00:34:32
19	on my (inaudible).	00:34:34
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: You would only get	00:34:35
21	4,000 dollars, but someone else in India would get	00:34:36
22	more money?	00:34:38

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1	MR. BHAMBA: Oh, yeah. Someone making	00:34:39
2	60,000.	00:34:41
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Which is kind of the	00:34:41
4	same case right now. You're here --	00:34:42
5	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:34:44
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- and if someone's	00:34:44
7	coming over, you get the call, you are going to get	00:34:46
8	4,000 dollars.	00:34:49
9	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:34:50
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And of those 4,000	00:34:51
11	dollars, it is your responsibility to pay off	00:34:53
12	whoever -- whatever officials out there or whatever,	00:34:56
13	out of that money.	00:34:59
14	MR. BHAMBA: No, no, no. That money is --	00:34:59
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: No?	00:35:01
16	MR. BHAMBA: -- separate.	00:35:01
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: That money is	00:35:02
18	separate?	00:35:02
19	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. That money --	00:35:03
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So it is not the same	00:35:03
21	process as it was in Curacao.	00:35:05
22	MR. BHAMBA: Curacao. Curacao was just for	00:35:08

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1 two hours, you made that three hours, you know, one 00:35:10  
2 day job. My responsibility was to make sure they 00:35:13  
3 left Curacao and crossed Bogota. So that money 00:35:15  
4 was -- 500 was paid to someone in Bogota, in 00:35:21  
5 immigration, to make sure they crossed Bogota, 00:35:23  
6 immigration, and they didn't have any problem over 00:35:26  
7 there, okay. 00:35:29

8 And 2,000 was paid in Curacao to the 00:35:30  
9 immigration plus the boarding cards people, and I 00:35:33  
10 could do it all on the phone, and the person would 00:35:39  
11 receive them -- 00:35:42

12 SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: All right. 00:35:43

13 MR. BHAMBA: -- and they would, you know, I 00:35:43  
14 would get paid. 00:35:44

15 SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So within 2013 -- 00:35:45

16 MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. 00:35:49

17 SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- and to the 00:35:49  
18 present -- 00:35:50

19 MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. 00:35:51

20 SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- you have been 00:35:51  
21 doing this? 00:35:52

22 MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. 00:35:52

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: You have no legal job	00:35:52
2	(inaudible)?	
3	MR. BHAMBA: No.	00:35:55
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So give or take -- I	00:35:55
5	mean --	00:35:58
6	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:35:59
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- it's been like,	00:36:00
8	two years? Two and a half years?	00:36:02
9	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:36:04
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: I mean, you made some	00:36:04
11	money to subsist.	00:36:06
12	MR. BHAMBA: I made some money.	00:36:07
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And that's fine.	00:36:08
14	That's fine. You're into --	00:36:09
15	MR. BHAMBA: I got screwed because ten -- I	00:36:10
16	lost some money, about 150,000 in Bahamas to --	00:36:12
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: 150,000?	
18	MR. BHAMBA: Yes. To Shaba. Shaba, he is	00:36:21
19	an individual --	00:36:22
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Let me -- you didn't	00:36:23
21	give me that name before. So it's Shaba?	00:36:26
22	MR. BHAMBA: Shaba.	00:36:28

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And --	00:36:28
2	MR. BHAMBA: There is a whole bunch of guys.	00:36:29
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: There's a bunch of	00:36:30
4	them. But this guy Shaba, how do you spell that?	00:36:32
5	MR. BHAMBA: S-h-a- -- he's right now --	00:36:33
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Like that?	00:36:35
7	MR. BHAMBA: Shaba.	00:36:36
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: He's a Bahamian	00:36:36
9	national?	00:36:39
10	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:36:39
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: When did this happen?	00:36:39
12	When?	00:36:41
13	MR. BHAMBA: This happened, I was arrested	00:36:42
14	over there in 2013, I was arrested over there.	00:36:44
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: 2013?	
16	MR. BHAMBA: Yes.	00:36:48
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:36:49
18	MR. BHAMBA: I was arrested over there.	00:36:49
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So you lost --	00:36:51
20	MR. BHAMBA: Yes, with ten people.	00:36:52
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: 150,000?	
22	MR. BHAMBA: Two girls, yes. We paid him	00:36:54

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1	the money, and we got arrested.	00:36:57
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: 150,000?	
3	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:37:01
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Wow. So what --	00:37:01
5	MR. BHAMBA: And then to get these ten	00:37:03
6	individuals out, okay, it cost me another 5,000	00:37:05
7	dollars to get them purpose and out from there, and	00:37:10
8	then some of them went to Canada, some of them, you	00:37:14
9	know, went back. And this group, which really	00:37:19
10	messed me up for something like 250.	00:37:22
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Now, you were	00:37:24
12	arrested, and were you charged as a smuggler?	00:37:26
13	MR. BHAMBA: No, I was going myself as a	00:37:29
14	passenger.	00:37:33
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Oh, okay. So you	00:37:34
16	portrayed to be one of the illegal aliens?	00:37:36
17	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:37:39
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: That's clever.	00:37:39
19	MR. BHAMBA: But I have a record, and it's	00:37:42
20	there that, you know, you can confirm that that's --	00:37:43
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Nobody knew out of	00:37:46
22	the government officials there, nobody knew that you	00:37:47

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1	were a smuggler?	00:37:49
2	MR. BHAMBA: They knew.	00:37:52
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: They knew you were a	00:37:53
4	smuggler?	00:37:53
5	MR. BHAMBA: And some of them were getting	00:37:54
6	paid for that.	00:37:56
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Oh, some of them were	00:37:57
8	paid?	00:37:58
9	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:37:59
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. How much, how	00:37:59
11	much were they paid for that?	00:38:00
12	MR. BHAMBA: They got paid something like	00:38:02
13	2,000 dollars per individual to come in, you know.	00:38:05
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:38:09
15	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. See, what happens in	00:38:10
16	Bahamas is whatever money you pay them, you can	00:38:10
17	never get them back. So the best way is to have the	00:38:13
18	money -- Bahamians, once they get money, they want	00:38:17
19	women, they want drugs, and 99 percent of the time	00:38:20
20	it fucks up that way. So the catch is, to have	00:38:25
21	someone like Marcia or someone individually, like	00:38:29
22	Shaba is there, Ken Ford is there. There's	00:38:33

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1	another -- I have a couple of names written down,	00:38:37
2	you know.	00:38:42
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:38:42
4	MR. BHAMBA: Okay.	00:38:43
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: We will get to it.	00:38:43
6	MR. BHAMBA: And those guys all do it. The	00:38:45
7	individuals, okay. You can get a plane out from	00:38:47
8	there for 6,000 dollars per person, from Haiti,	00:38:50
9	directly to the Bahamas, land over there.	00:38:54
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And this load over	00:38:56
11	here of ten people that you lost.	00:38:58
12	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:39:00
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Had you made	00:39:00
14	arrangements with someone in the United States to	00:39:01
15	pick them up?	00:39:03
16	MR. BHAMBA: Shaba -- Shaba was going to	00:39:04
17	arrange for that, and since I was going, you know --	00:39:07
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Because you were	00:39:11
19	going to be part of the load?	00:39:12
20	MR. BHAMBA: Part of the load.	00:39:14
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Oh, okay. So the	00:39:15
22	date that you were arrested here, okay --	00:39:16

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1	MR. BHAMBA: We had made payment through	00:39:19
2	some of the (inaudible) family had come and made the	00:39:21
3	payments.	00:39:24
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So when you were	00:39:24
5	arrested, you were with them, with all the aliens?	00:39:25
6	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:39:28
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. So they must	00:39:31
8	have arrested you when we are ready to go to the	00:39:31
9	United States?	00:39:34
10	MR. BHAMBA: Yes. Half an hour, if we had	00:39:36
11	missed -- they not arrested us for half an hour.	00:39:37
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: You would have gone?	00:39:41
13	MR. BHAMBA: We would have done.	00:39:44
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. Now, so --	00:39:45
15	okay, so half an hour. But you didn't know the guys	00:39:45
16	who were going to pick you up?	00:39:49
17	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah, I knew.	00:39:51
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: You knew?	00:39:53
19	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:39:54
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: The other names?	00:39:54
21	MR. BHAMBA: Yes. Shaba was the one.	00:39:55
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: But Shaba was the one	00:39:57

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1	that was going to pick you up?	00:39:57
2	MR. BHAMBA: Yes. He was the guy, he was	00:39:58
3	the kingpin that was doing.	00:40:00
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Is he Bahamian?	00:40:01
5	MR. BHAMBA: Yes, he's a Bahamian, Haitian	00:40:03
6	guy. He's of Haitian guy, but he's a Bahamian. And	00:40:05
7	that was Dog, and there was Dino. You know, there's	00:40:09
8	a whole bunch.	00:40:14
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: The -- about -- okay.	00:40:17
10	And the reason I am asking, we have separate	00:40:20
11	investigations, okay. I can not discuss the	00:40:28
12	investigations with you.	00:40:30
13	MR. BHAMBA: No, I know (inaudible).	00:40:32
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: But I won't be	00:40:33
15	general here.	00:40:34
16	MR. BHAMBA: Okay, yeah.	00:40:35
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: We have other people	00:40:35
18	that we are looking at, other nationals, other	00:40:36
19	smugglers, that are --	00:40:39
20	MR. BHAMBA: I know all of them. I know all	00:40:42
21	of them.	00:40:43
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: You know all of them?	00:40:43

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1	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:40:44
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: I mean --	00:40:44
3	MR. BHAMBA: But sometimes they don't give	00:40:44
4	you names.	00:40:46
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Listen. We've got	00:40:46
6	Cubans, we've got Puerto Ricans, we've got Asians,	00:40:47
7	we've got -- I mean, you name it.	00:40:49
8	MR. BHAMBA: The Cubans are the best. They	00:40:50
9	get them in the nighttime, and they are the best.	00:40:52
10	The Bahamians are crooked.	00:40:56
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Any Puerto Ricans	00:40:57
12	living in Miami doing it? Any Puerto Ricans that	00:40:59
13	you know of?	00:41:04
14	MR. BHAMBA: Yes. There is one, one in	00:41:04
15	Miami, okay. I don't know the guy's address	00:41:06
16	offhand, but he is off -- when you go 101, on Exit	00:41:10
17	171, something like that, and you go inside, okay,	00:41:15
18	he's the one. He has a Venezuelan wife. And he is	00:41:21
19	a marina.	00:41:26
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:41:28
21	MR. BHAMBA: He does that. There is a	00:41:28
22	couple of Cubans who do that. They charge 10,000.	00:41:32

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1	What they do is they come in -- they don't cross the	00:41:34
2	water.	00:41:38
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: What about people	00:41:39
4	that get you -- that deal with documents, that can	00:41:40
5	get you documents or visas and stuff like that? Do	00:41:43
6	you know people that can actually do that, too?	00:41:45
7	MR. BHAMBA: Where?	00:41:49
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: In the United States.	00:41:49
9	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. There's a Filipino guy	00:41:55
10	who can do that. Okay, that guy, Jay.	00:41:56
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Filipino guy?	00:41:59
12	MR. BHAMBA: Jay.	00:42:01
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: What's his name?	00:42:01
14	MR. BHAMBA: I don't know his name. It's	00:42:03
15	Chad or something. I have to check my, you know --	00:42:10
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Do you have his	00:42:14
17	contact information.	00:42:15
18	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah, I have his contact	00:42:17
19	information.	00:42:18
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: How do you know all	00:42:19
21	these people? I mean, I guess, you are really	00:42:20
22	ported from the United States. So how do you --	00:42:22

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1	MR. BHAMBA: See, the thing is, I -- used to	00:42:24
2	be in this business. So it is like when you are in	00:42:26
3	this business, you know one person, and once you get	00:42:29
4	a reputation that you don't snitch, you are one of	00:42:33
5	them.	00:42:36
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Does your wife in	00:42:36
7	Canada know what you do?	00:42:42
8	MR. BHAMBA: I had to tell her now, okay,	00:42:44
9	and I told her that I am working --	00:42:47
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: When did you tell	00:42:48
11	her? When?	00:42:50
12	MR. BHAMBA: With Mr. Larko. Mr. Larko	00:42:50
13	talked to her. And he said that, you know, if they	00:42:54
14	had to get my son out, they have to --	00:42:56
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: I mean, if she knew	00:43:00
16	before, I mean, that wouldn't be an issue, it is	00:43:00
17	just we want to know if she actually knew that you	00:43:02
18	were -- if she knew before, that's fine, you know,	00:43:06
19	but --	00:43:08
20	MR. BHAMBA: No, no. She didn't.	00:43:08
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- we need to	00:43:09
22	understand the -- you know.	00:43:09

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1	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:43:11
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: She's never --	00:43:11
3	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah, she knew when I got	00:43:13
4	arrested in Amsterdam.	00:43:14
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: In Amsterdam?	00:43:17
6	MR. BHAMBA: Yes.	00:43:18
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And that was back in?	00:43:18
8	MR. BHAMBA: 2014.	00:43:22
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: 2014. In 2014? Yes.	00:43:24
10	2014, right here.	00:43:31
11	Now, the -- in '13, you said, right?	00:43:34
12	MR. BHAMBA: I think it is '14.	00:43:36
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: It is '14. Okay. I	00:43:37
14	am going to correct that.	00:43:37
15	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. I came in June. June,	00:43:38
16	back from there.	00:43:41
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. So but she	00:43:42
18	knew when you were arrested in Amsterdam?	00:43:44
19	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:43:50
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. The -- your	00:43:50
21	wife's never been part of anything that you were	00:43:52
22	doing, any arrangements or anything like that?	00:43:55

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1	MR. BHAMBA: No. Never. She only was	00:43:57
2	responsible for sending me some money, but, you	00:43:59
3	know, she never --	00:44:02
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: She sent you money	00:44:03
5	before?	00:44:04
6	MR. BHAMBA: She sent me money, I sent her	00:44:04
7	money from India, and she sent me Western Union over	00:44:05
8	there. But that's about it. That's her	00:44:09
9	involvement.	00:44:10
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Do you remember when,	00:44:11
11	more or less? The reason why I am asking you this,	00:44:11
12	you understand --	00:44:15
13	MR. BHAMBA: Sometime in 2013, when -- '12	00:44:16
14	or '13, when I was in Jamaica.	00:44:17
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: When you were in	00:44:19
16	Jamaica.	00:44:22
17	MR. BHAMBA: Yep.	00:44:24
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. 2013. She	00:44:25
19	sent you money.	00:44:26
20	MR. BHAMBA: But that was like I had the	00:44:30
21	money, I got it through the hawala thing.	00:44:32
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Did she send you	00:44:36

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1	money, utilized Western Union or something like	00:44:37
2	that?	00:44:39
3	MR. BHAMBA: Western Union, yeah.	00:44:40
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Did she use her name?	00:44:42
5	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:44:47
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Any other people	00:44:48
7	that -- why would you receive money from this? Just	00:44:52
8	for in support of this smuggling operation or why	00:44:54
9	did send you --	00:44:58
10	MR. BHAMBA: No, I need money to, you	00:44:58
11	know -- well, you can say in support of arranging	00:45:01
12	it, okay, that's what I was looking for food or	00:45:04
13	rent.	00:45:07
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And that was -- she	00:45:08
15	sent you money to where again?	00:45:09
16	MR. BHAMBA: To Jamaica.	00:45:12
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: To Jamaica.	00:45:13
18	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. And then --	00:45:14
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: At that point you had	00:45:15
20	some people, you had a stash of people in Jamaica?	00:45:16
21	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah, yeah.	00:45:18
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: You had a stash? How	00:45:18

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1	many people you had?	00:45:19
2	MR. BHAMBA: About seven, eight people.	00:45:21
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Seven to eight?	00:45:24
4	MR. BHAMBA: Seven or eight people.	00:45:25
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: You remember how much	00:45:27
6	money she sent you?	00:45:28
7	MR. BHAMBA: Something like two, three	00:45:30
8	thousand, 4,000, total about seven, eight thousand.	00:45:33
9	That number.	00:45:37
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And what happened to	00:45:39
11	the load?	00:45:41
12	MR. BHAMBA: That load was the one that we	00:45:43
13	took to, you know, the Bahamas, the lady and all	00:45:44
14	that, you know, from Haiti and all that was the load	00:45:48
15	that we took. That was our first load.	00:45:51
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:45:54
17	MR. BHAMBA: And that's what messed up.	00:45:55
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: You got messed up?	00:45:57
19	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:45:58
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:45:59
21	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. Then I have been doing	00:45:59
22	it for these individuals.	00:46:00

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: That load never made	00:46:01
2	it to the United States?	00:46:02
3	MR. BHAMBA: That never made it.	00:46:04
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And that's where	00:46:04
5	everything fell apart?	00:46:05
6	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. Fell apart.	00:46:07
7	See, the thing was --	00:46:07
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So how much money	00:46:09
9	were you -- on the hook for that money now? Being	00:46:09
10	on the hook meaning that you owed the money or you	00:46:12
11	never got paid?	00:46:15
12	MR. BHAMBA: No, I had to pay back the	00:46:16
13	money, and there are some individuals who are	00:46:17
14	threatening to kill me.	00:46:19
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: How much money? How	00:46:21
16	much money?	00:46:23
17	MR. BHAMBA: I spent something like -- I owe	00:46:24
18	about 200,000 dollars to people.	00:46:28
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: You owe?	00:46:33
20	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. I was -- I managed to	00:46:34
21	get some people to Canada, and that's saved me a	00:46:35
22	little bit. Traveled from, you know, Jamaica to	00:46:42

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1 Canada, and they were able to get out, so they were 00:46:45  
2 saved because of that. 00:46:50

3 So there are some people who didn't go and 00:46:52  
4 they got caught and they were sent back, and/or who 00:46:54  
5 decided to go back from Bahamas to India. So those 00:46:58  
6 are the people I owe. 00:47:02

7 There is people -- there are people who -- 00:47:10  
8 in -- make passports over there. 00:47:14

9 SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: That make passports? 00:47:16

10 MR. BHAMBA: Yes. I have a connection, but 00:47:17  
11 I never put it in because it is too expensive. 00:47:19

12 SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: How much money do 00:47:22  
13 they charge you? 00:47:23

14 MR. BHAMBA: That's why I never -- I have an 00:47:23  
15 individual who's in Bahamas, two individuals who's 00:47:26  
16 offered me -- he'll charge me 5,000 plus 18,000. 00:47:31  
17 22,000. He will get my people legally over there, 00:47:40  
18 with documents. 00:47:45

19 SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Do you know the name 00:47:48  
20 of the guy? 00:47:50

21 MR. BHAMBA: The guy who's setting it up is 00:47:51  
22 Calvin Brown. He's a Jamaican. 00:47:53

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Anybody in the United	00:48:01
2	States that will do that for you?	00:48:02
3	MR. BHAMBA: I know people who do it, okay.	00:48:06
4	I can ask around, but I never try --	00:48:10
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Even a name will be	00:48:12
6	great because we have other operations -- other	00:48:14
7	investigations that we have that we can run names,	00:48:17
8	you know, and that way, we can tie them.	00:48:21
9	MR. BHAMBA: Marcia has an operation over	00:48:25
10	there in the Bahamas where she can get you a	00:48:27
11	Bahamian passport.	00:48:29
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: What about in the US?	00:48:30
13	Do you have any contacts in the US?	00:48:32
14	MR. BHAMBA: US, I have contacts, but one is	00:48:33
15	through Calvin, and one is that Filipino guy.	00:48:36
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:48:46
17	MR. BHAMBA: I can --	00:48:47
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Do you remember his	00:48:48
19	name?	00:48:53
20	MR. BHAMBA: He comes through the Bahamas.	00:48:54
21	He was in the Bahamas. He contacted me from there.	00:48:55
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Do you have his	00:48:58

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1	number?	00:48:59
2	MR. BHAMBA: I had his number on the other	00:49:01
3	phone, but I can find his number out.	00:49:02
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. If you find	00:49:06
5	it, let me know.	00:49:06
6	MR. BHAMBA: I can contact --	00:49:07
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: But what did the guy	00:49:07
8	offer you?	00:49:09
9	MR. BHAMBA: He said something that he's	00:49:11
10	going to charge me 25,000 dollars, he can get me a	00:49:13
11	green card and all that.	00:49:15
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Get you or get the	00:49:19
13	aliens?	00:49:21
14	MR. BHAMBA: Aliens.	00:49:22
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. So did he say	00:49:23
16	he's got a --	00:49:25
17	MR. BHAMBA: There's an operation over here,	00:49:26
18	too. I don't know how true it is because there is	00:49:27
19	an operation from here that takes people, they	00:49:32
20	charge 20,000, they take the people from here, and	00:49:35
21	straight to the States. How they do it, I don't	00:49:40
22	know.	00:49:47

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So you are in the	00:49:47
2	Dominican Republic?	00:49:48
3	MR. BHAMBA: Yes. That's what they are	00:49:49
4	saying, but I never tried it because it looks too	00:49:50
5	funny.	00:49:52
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:49:52
7	MR. BHAMBA: They don't want to charge	00:49:52
8	anything, they want to go straight to the	00:49:56
9	individual's house and collect the money there, but	00:49:58
10	it just looked too funny.	00:50:02
11	Now, the Calvin Brown, okay, what his	00:50:03
12	connection is, he's saying pay me 12 up front, okay,	00:50:06
13	five, he's going to do the job when the person is	00:50:12
14	going to go across.	00:50:15
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:50:16
16	MR. BHAMBA: Then he's going to make some	00:50:17
17	papers, and they are going to come as legit. And if	00:50:18
18	you want to make that legit, then have you to pay	00:50:22
19	him another 6,000, and that green card alien number	00:50:25
20	is going to stay with him, he made all the	00:50:28
21	references everything. So how he's going to get the	00:50:30
22	green card from Miami --	00:50:33

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: You don't know.	00:50:34
2	MR. BHAMBA: -- I don't know.	00:50:35
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Yeah, but it's very	00:50:40
4	interesting what people in --	00:50:41
5	MR. BHAMBA: Now, this Jay that I showed	00:50:43
6	Mr. Larko, you know, Larko, this is what he did.	00:50:45
7	Now, I don't know if he -- you know, what good it	00:50:51
8	was or whatnot.	00:50:53
9	These were the things he made, and he had a	00:50:56
10	whole other set. But he took the rest of it. This	00:50:59
11	I told him to be last.	00:51:03
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: When do you get this?	00:51:04
13	MR. BHAMBA: He gave it to us about two	00:51:05
14	months. I gave them to Mr. Larko, he made pictures	00:51:07
15	of them in.	00:51:09
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And he was here in --	00:51:10
17	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. This individual who does	00:51:12
18	this --	00:51:14
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: In the Dominican	00:51:14
20	Republic?	00:51:14
21	MR. BHAMBA: He's in the Dominican Republic.	00:51:15
22	I have his number, okay, and I have his	00:51:16

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1	Skype number, too.	00:51:20
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: How much did he pay	00:51:21
3	for these documents?	00:51:22
4	MR. BHAMBA: He got me for 30,000, for ten	00:51:24
5	people.	00:51:26
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And, for the record,	00:51:26
7	you are showing me a driver's license, a Florida	00:51:27
8	driver's license, a New York state driver's license,	00:51:30
9	and a California driver's license.	00:51:35
10	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. He was supposed to take	00:51:38
11	us from here to Puerto Rico. I paid him 30,000.	00:51:39
12	That's the last two.	00:51:44
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: They are (inaudible)	00:51:49
14	or fake?	00:51:52
15	MR. BHAMBA: I don't know. He said they are	00:51:54
16	in the system for a couple of days, and you can take	00:51:55
17	a flight from -- his plan was -- and this is the	00:51:58
18	same group, he's taken that same group that is over	00:52:01
19	there for Dave.	00:52:03
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: In Puerto Rico?	00:52:05
21	MR. BHAMBA: That's the same group, he's	00:52:06
22	taken from there. He is (inaudible) -- this is a --	00:52:07

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Now, the guy that's	00:52:10
2	here, he is a Puerto Rican or is he a Dominican?	00:52:11
3	MR. BHAMBA: He's Puerto Rican.	00:52:13
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: The guy that sold you	00:52:14
5	these documents?	00:52:15
6	MR. BHAMBA: Yes. He's a Puerto Rican. We	00:52:15
7	can -- if you want, we can set up with him.	00:52:19
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And you can --	00:52:23
9	MR. BHAMBA: I can get him. He never should	00:52:24
10	have give me his real ID or anything, but I have --	00:52:25
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Do you have a contact	00:52:28
12	for him?	00:52:30
13	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:52:30
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: If you want to get a	00:52:30
15	document --	00:52:32
16	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:52:33
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: We can get.	00:52:33
18	MR. BHAMBA: I have a contact for him --	00:52:33
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: But he lives in	00:52:35
20	Puerto Rico or he lives here?	00:52:36
21	MR. BHAMBA: No, he lives over here. Now	00:52:38
22	he's in St. Martin, at present. I don't know he's	00:52:40

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1	really in St. Martin. If you can track Skype, I can	00:52:43
2	give you his Skype ID.	00:52:47
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: I am going to hold	00:52:49
4	onto this, I want to make copies, and I'll give them	00:52:50
5	back to you at the end of the day.	00:52:52
6	MR. BHAMBA: I don't know them, if you want.	00:52:54
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: I will give them back	00:52:55
8	to you so you have them, because, I mean, I don't	00:52:56
9	know --	00:52:59
10	MR. BHAMBA: No, I don't want to lose them,	00:52:59
11	if you want to keep them, you know. This is like	00:53:01
12	contraband, you know. Why -- at least if you keep	00:53:03
13	them, if for further references, you can -- I am	00:53:06
14	always there, you know. It is not that --	00:53:08
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: No, no.	00:53:12
16	MR. BHAMBA: So it is -- in fact, it is --	00:53:12
17	with me, it gets lost, then I, you know.	00:53:14
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:53:17
19	MR. BHAMBA: But if you keep it, that's	00:53:17
20	enough, you know.	00:53:18
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: I hear you.	00:53:19
22	All these people that you have mentioned	00:53:20

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1	here, you have a contact?	00:53:21
2	MR. BHAMBA: Yes.	00:53:23
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Except these two over	00:53:23
4	here --	00:53:24
5	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:53:25
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- that you said you	00:53:26
7	have a contact with?	00:53:26
8	MR. BHAMBA: Yes.	00:53:27
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Even the guy that you	00:53:27
10	said that you are going to get me that in the United	00:53:28
11	States, get you documents --	00:53:32
12	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah, I can get a contact for	00:53:33
13	you.	00:53:35
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: You said that he	00:53:35
15	contacted you in the Bahamas?	00:53:35
16	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah, when he was in the	00:53:38
17	Bahamas, in Jamaica, he --	00:53:39
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Does he live in	00:53:40
19	Bahamas or --	00:53:41
20	MR. BHAMBA: No, he lives in Miami.	00:53:41
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: He lives in Miami?	00:53:44
22	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:53:46

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So does he -- he	00:53:46
2	smuggles also people from Bahamas?	00:53:47
3	MR. BHAMBA: He used to smuggle. I think	00:53:49
4	he's not in smuggling, he's in mostly, from what I	00:53:50
5	talk to him, he tried to meet me a couple of times,	00:53:53
6	you know, he offered me to come to (inaudible),	00:53:56
7	Bahamas, Jamaica, whatever. And he's a documents	00:54:00
8	guy.	00:54:02
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: He's a document guy?	00:54:02
10	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. He's a document guy.	00:54:06
11	He's got some connection in immigration, or some	00:54:07
12	place or in the post office, that he can get you	00:54:10
13	documents.	00:54:14
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. Good. Good.	00:54:17
15	Good stuff.	00:54:19
16	I mean, based on --	00:54:21
17	MR. BHAMBA: But that is above -- see, one	00:54:22
18	of the things (inaudible), you know, why we don't go	00:54:23
19	for documents, I don't go for documents, is the	00:54:26
20	people don't speak English.	00:54:29
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:54:31
22	MR. BHAMBA: So what good is a good document	00:54:32

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1	going to do, when the guy doesn't speak English?	00:54:33
2	So one is that. And, secondly, my job is to	00:54:36
3	just get them across. But I have had offers for	00:54:40
4	documents from a lot of people. And I have heard	00:54:42
5	that, you know, those -- most of those offers are	00:54:46
6	being used by the Arabic people and the Chinese	00:54:49
7	people, because they pay twice the amount that the	00:54:53
8	Indians pay. So they use them.	00:54:57
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Now, once these	00:55:04
10	aliens -- once these Indians, for instance, the ones	00:55:04
11	that -- once they are here, I mean, do they ask for	00:55:08
12	political asylum, or do they -- how do they go about	00:55:15
13	business? Now they are going to be in the shadows.	00:55:17
14	MR. BHAMBA: No, no, no. See, the thing is,	00:55:20
15	all the Indians have stores and all. So they keep	00:55:23
16	them in their own stores and the gas stations and	00:55:25
17	all --	00:55:27
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: But they stay in the	00:55:28
19	shadows, like we say --	00:55:30
20	MR. BHAMBA: Yes.	00:55:30
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- shadows,	00:55:30
22	illegally.	00:55:31

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1	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah, shadows.	00:55:31
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Illegally in the	00:55:32
3	country.	00:55:33
4	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. And when the political	00:55:33
5	asylum thing is going to come, they are just going	00:55:34
6	to say, we are just -- we came from ten years ago,	00:55:38
7	and they are going to walk through.	00:55:40
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: I see. So they wave	00:55:42
9	some sort of amnesty or something to come out the --	00:55:43
10	or some benefit.	00:55:46
11	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. They are going to file	00:55:47
12	for political asylum. Some do file for political	00:55:48
13	asylum.	00:55:51
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Some do.	00:55:51
15	MR. BHAMBA: Or some cross over the border	00:55:53
16	to Canada. Because in Canada you can get married	00:55:54
17	and then get legal or whatever. But in the US, you	00:55:57
18	can't.	00:56:02
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: I hear you.	00:56:03
20	Let's do something, Mr. Bhamba. We have	00:56:03
21	been here straight for like two, three hours. I am	00:56:05
22	going to pause, and I am going to stop the interview	00:56:09

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1	right now. And then we will take a quick break and	00:56:12
2	then we will continue later on.	00:56:16
3	(Short pause in the audio recording at	
4	time stamp 2:06.)	
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. It's May 6,	00:00:00
6	2015, and after lunch break, we are back at 3:30.	00:00:01
7	And we're rolling, okay?	00:00:07
8	So you say you are going to show me Marcia's	00:00:09
9	picture.	00:00:17
10	MR. BHAMBA: I have the immigration guy and	00:00:18
11	the police cops who assist them over there take	00:00:21
12	them. I had this picture, too.	00:00:24
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: The immigration in	00:00:26
14	where?	00:00:27
15	MR. BHAMBA: Bahamas.	00:00:27
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: In Bahamas?	00:00:28
17	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. They have -- okay, I	00:00:31
18	come to think about your documents, you think, they	00:00:32
19	using that documents, are mostly used for those what	00:00:36
20	you call drug smugglers who have been barred and	00:00:48
21	all, and those reportees. They use that route.	00:00:50
22	They come -- they use it from Jamaica, they get some	00:00:55

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1	documents made from there, and the documents come	00:00:58
2	from there, and then they go to Bahamas, and they	00:01:01
3	are flying out from Freeport.	00:01:04
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:01:07
5	MR. BHAMBA: And they keep me a price, but	00:01:08
6	the price was so -- you know, if you pay something	00:01:09
7	like 30,000, and 10,000 costs almost to get them	00:01:15
8	here, then what are you making?	00:01:18
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Yeah. I see your	00:01:21
10	point.	00:01:22
11	MR. BHAMBA: And I have a guy that's going,	00:01:23
12	like Paul or someone, they are not going to stand	00:01:25
13	for, you know, putting up so much money.	00:01:28
14	Okay. This here, Marcia.	00:01:36
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. That's Marcia?	00:01:41
16	And where she works out of? She works in the?	00:01:44
17	Government.	00:01:47
18	MR. BHAMBA: I don't know. I don't think so	00:01:48
19	she works in the government. But she knows an awful	00:01:49
20	lot of immigration and police and everyone.	00:01:52
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Now, this phone --	00:01:56
22	can you text this to me?	00:01:57

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1	MR. BHAMBA: If you have WhatsApp, I can --	00:01:59
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: We are going to set	00:02:01
3	up WhatsApp. We will set it up.	00:02:03
4	MR. BHAMBA: If you have WhatsApp, I can	00:02:05
5	send it.	00:02:06
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Before you leave, we	00:02:06
7	are going to set it up.	00:02:07
8	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. And I can send you all	00:02:08
9	these pictures. I had a stash, okay, of so much	00:02:10
10	pictures.	00:02:13
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Is Marcia -- this is	00:02:14
12	the last name, right?	00:02:15
13	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. Pesteno.	00:02:17
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Pesteno.	00:02:17
15	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:02:17
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. Very good.	00:02:18
17	And you said it is from your app. We will	00:02:19
18	try to identify her.	00:02:23
19	I want to show you some pictures here, okay.	00:02:25
20	You may -- if you recognize anybody in these	00:02:28
21	pictures, just let me know. This is just -- do you	00:02:32
22	recognize anybody here?	00:02:36

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1	MR. BHAMBA: I can't place his name, but I	00:02:50
2	recognize this guy.	00:02:52
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: You recognize him?	00:02:55
4	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:02:55
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Who is he?	00:02:56
6	MR. BHAMBA: My finger on him, the name, but	00:03:00
7	I have met him.	00:03:04
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: But you have met this	00:03:05
9	guy?	00:03:06
10	MR. BHAMBA: Yes, I have met him.	00:03:07
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. What -- tell	00:03:08
12	me a little bit about him. How you meet him, what	00:03:10
13	does he do, and whatnot.	00:03:13
14	MR. BHAMBA: There's one guy who works for	00:03:15
15	the feds, for CIA or whatever, okay, he's in Mexico.	00:03:18
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: This guys works for	00:03:24
17	the CIA?	00:03:26
18	MR. BHAMBA: No, no. I don't know -- his	00:03:26
19	name is Santander (phonetic). Santander. And he's	00:03:28
20	the major guy who was receiving people over there,	00:03:32
21	after last year.	00:03:37
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: This guy?	00:03:38

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1	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. I don't know if it is	00:03:39
2	him, I am not -- I didn't come his name, but I have	00:03:41
3	seen him over there.	00:03:45
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Now, do think you	00:03:46
5	have seen him, a similar person, or you are sure --	00:03:48
6	you're 100 percent sure that that's the guy? If	00:03:54
7	you're not sure, that's fine. You know, just	00:03:57
8	tell -- you know.	00:03:59
9	MR. BHAMBA: I would say not a hundred	00:04:00
10	percent.	00:04:01
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Not a hundred	00:04:02
12	percent.	00:04:04
13	MR. BHAMBA: Not a hundred percent.	00:04:04
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: No.	00:04:07
15	Okay. Have you seen this individual?	00:04:07
16	MR. BHAMBA: No.	00:04:16
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. Have you seen	00:04:17
18	this individual?	00:04:23
19	MR. BHAMBA: No, not this one.	00:04:35
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:04:45
21	MR. BHAMBA: If he's Jamaican, then maybe.	00:04:47
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: I don't know where	00:04:49

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1	he's from. But have you seen him before?	00:04:52
2	MR. BHAMBA: No.	00:04:57
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Have you seen that	00:04:57
4	person before?	00:04:59
5	MR. BHAMBA: No. Not that.	00:05:03
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: (Inaudible) picture.	00:05:15
7	MR. BHAMBA: Maybe if -- it doesn't look	00:05:23
8	like her. She's a little darker. Yeah, I do there.	00:05:24
9	That is her.	00:05:46
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Remember, don't mind	00:05:52
11	the hair, you know, the hair -- the hair is loose or	00:05:53
12	maybe like people gain weight, people --	00:05:56
13	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah, yeah. It is her.	00:06:00
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. So you think	00:06:02
15	that's Marcia?	00:06:03
16	MR. BHAMBA: Yes, that is Marcia.	00:06:04
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:06:09
18	MR. BHAMBA: She has been receiving money.	00:06:10
19	I have money receipts on her and all that.	00:06:12
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:06:15
21	MR. BHAMBA: I gave that to Mr. -- you know,	00:06:15
22	that's bank (inaudible).	00:06:22

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:06:24
2	MR. BHAMBA: This is the bank (inaudible),	00:06:25
3	that's money deposited by Paul. See, the money, if	00:06:27
4	you are going to get the money, (inaudible). Money.	00:06:32
5	There's a lot of money. That's something that	00:06:36
6	hurts.	00:06:38
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Now, that -- explain	00:06:39
8	to me the -- explain to me the wire --	00:06:39
9	MR. BHAMBA: How the money.	00:06:40
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: The money.	00:06:40
11	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. This is what happens.	00:06:44
12	There's a guy in Delhi, there are guys in Delhi, you	00:06:46
13	give them money, like 50,000 dollars, 100,000, how	00:06:50
14	much amount, it doesn't matter, okay.	00:06:56
15	What they do is, they ask you for account	00:06:59
16	number, they make a direct deposit in the account,	00:07:02
17	okay. But then they make it 5,000, less than 5,000,	00:07:05
18	at a time. That's one -- okay, they charge you,	00:07:10
19	let's say the Indian dollar rupee is 63, they will	00:07:13
20	charge you 1 rupee, 150 more than that. That's the	00:07:17
21	service charge. So it will go straight into your	00:07:22
22	account, they will give you a receipt on your	00:07:24

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1	WhatsApp, money is there, end of story, okay.	00:07:27
2	The second way is, they take the money from	00:07:32
3	you. Now it costs 72 dollar, rupees. So the	00:07:35
4	payment has gone up something like 9 rupees per	00:07:39
5	dollar. Now what they do is, they call someone in	00:07:43
6	Dubai, okay. They call someone in Dubai, the wire	00:07:49
7	goes out, okay, the money order -- MoneyGram, all	00:07:54
8	Western Union, stops from there, from London, from	00:07:57
9	France, from any where in Europe, Dubai, comes	00:08:01
10	straight over here, okay, to Santo Domingo or	00:08:07
11	Mexico, where they pay the people, and that's how it	00:08:11
12	is made.	00:08:15
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: They send straight	00:08:17
14	from whatever bank to --	00:08:17
15	MR. BHAMBA: No, no, not bank. From Western	00:08:20
16	Union.	00:08:22
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: From Western Union,	00:08:22
18	I'm sorry, from Western Union straight to	00:08:23
19	whatever --	00:08:24
20	MR. BHAMBA: To another Western Union.	00:08:25
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: To another Western	00:08:26
22	Union.	00:08:27

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1	MR. BHAMBA: Over here. All I have to do is	00:08:27
2	give them a name.	00:08:29
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And that's it.	00:08:32
4	MR. BHAMBA: That's it.	00:08:34
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: The name, that's it.	00:08:35
6	MR. BHAMBA: Now, if you can set a pattern,	00:08:36
7	okay, like say I'm getting the money, okay, I am	00:08:40
8	reporting as soon as I get it, before I even	00:08:44
9	withdraw it, okay. Now these people who are coming,	00:08:46
10	they come over here first, they get their entry,	00:08:51
11	then they withdraw the money over here. That money	00:08:54
12	is sent --	00:08:58
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: The money that was	00:08:58
14	sent Western Union to Western Union, to the	00:08:59
15	States --	00:09:02
16	MR. BHAMBA: (Inaudible) over here. Or in	00:09:02
17	the Bahamas.	00:09:04
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: But the family member	00:09:07
19	will withdraw it?	00:09:08
20	MR. BHAMBA: No, no, no.	00:09:09
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Or you withdraw it?	00:09:10
22	(Inaudible) --	

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1	MR. BHAMBA: The people who are going, they	00:09:12
2	withdraw their own money.	00:09:13
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: They would do their	00:09:14
4	own money and they would pay it to you because --	00:09:15
5	MR. BHAMBA: They pay for me or they pay to	00:09:16
6	Marcia, if they are over there, or they pay to	00:09:18
7	whoever in whichever account. If they are in Haiti,	00:09:21
8	they get it over there, they pay it to that person.	00:09:24
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So how does it work	00:09:26
10	when -- how much do you guys charge, let's say one	00:09:28
11	Indian, to bring one Indian over from India over to	00:09:32
12	the United States, what is the total?	00:09:35
13	MR. BHAMBA: There are two ways. Two rates.	00:09:38
14	Okay. Right now, the two rates, if they are	00:09:41
15	walking, okay. Right now because of the Boston,	00:09:46
16	Mexico, there's only four or five people going out	00:09:50
17	or ten people or 20 people going out in a week that	00:09:54
18	make it straight to Mexico. What they do is they	00:09:56
19	put in fake stickers and all. If they send 50	00:09:59
20	people, five, ten people are coming, 20 people are	00:10:02
21	coming back, 30 people are or 30 people are going	00:10:05
22	away. When -- as soon as they get out of the tube,	00:10:08

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1	they take them out, they don't go through	00:10:11
2	immigration.	00:10:13
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And this is in India?	00:10:14
4	MR. BHAMBA: No, that's in Mexico.	00:10:16
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: In Mexico?	00:10:17
6	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. They don't go through	00:10:18
7	immigration.	00:10:19
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: But let's go back in	00:10:20
9	India, let's go back.	00:10:21
10	MR. BHAMBA: In India --	00:10:21
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Explain to me	00:10:23
12	everything like I don't know anything.	00:10:23
13	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. In India this is how it	00:10:25
14	happens. A person contacts -- he knows that Pablo	00:10:26
15	is the one who's doing it.	00:10:32
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:10:33
17	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. He's going to contact	00:10:34
18	Pablo and say, Pablo, I am not going to pay you	00:10:35
19	anything, but I am going to pay you as soon as my	00:10:37
20	guy reaches over there. Here's the money with the	00:10:40
21	common person, you know and I know.	00:10:44
22	Now, in that case, the payment goes up	00:10:46

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1	through something like 28 lakhs or something. So 28	00:10:49
2	lakhs is something like about 55 or a thousand	00:10:53
3	dollars. 55,000 dollars. Now, that money is kept	00:10:58
4	over there in escrow with someone.	00:11:02
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:11:05
6	MR. BHAMBA: Pablo, what he does is, he buys	00:11:05
7	a ticket, okay. First he gets a visa. A visa costs	00:11:07
8	around 85,000 dollars for here. For different	00:11:13
9	places, you know, there is a cost for Brazil,	00:11:16
10	there's a different cost. Everything is with cost.	00:11:19
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:11:22
12	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. They provide free	00:11:22
13	documents and all, the visa is gotten, they come to	00:11:24
14	the airport. Okay, at the airport, they pay	00:11:29
15	something like, if they are traveling on KLM --	00:11:32
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:11:36
17	MR. BHAMBA: If they are traveling on KLM,	00:11:36
18	KLM has a premium. They come via Amsterdam. Okay.	00:11:38
19	The chances of them getting roughed up on the way is	00:11:43
20	very less. Once they get off over there, Amsterdam	00:11:45
21	doesn't mess with them, they come straight to their	00:11:48
22	destination, whatever. And as long as you have the	00:11:50

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1	end destination code, they are good to go. So on	00:11:53
2	that, they pay around 150, about 3,000 -- about	00:11:57
3	28,000 -- total 2,800 US dollars.	00:12:02
4	Okay. Out of that, a certain amount goes to	00:12:06
5	immigration over there. Okay. Immigration, it's	00:12:10
6	not that only one person is just making the money.	00:12:13
7	Even though they give you a counter, come from left,	00:12:16
8	the 28 lakhs, the left side. So if it is the 28	00:12:20
9	lakhs on the left side, that is number 29. You	00:12:25
10	count two to each person, and that's how you	00:12:29
11	(inaudible). So the person goes to the specific	00:12:33
12	person, he stamps them in, doesn't look at anything,	00:12:34
13	he goes, okay.	00:12:37
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:12:39
15	MR. BHAMBA: That is immigration. Now, the	00:12:39
16	boarding pass people, they charge about 2,000,	00:12:42
17	something like 1,800 dollars. The thousand goes to	00:12:45
18	immigration, and they let them through.	00:12:49
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So between the KLM	00:12:52
20	stuff and immigration and customs, another 2,000	00:12:54
21	dollars?	00:12:57
22	MR. BHAMBA: 28 thousand -- hundred dollars,	00:12:57

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1	and the person is in.	00:12:59
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:13:01
3	MR. BHAMBA: Now, the other carriers like	00:13:01
4	Ethiopian and the other carriers, they charge	00:13:14
5	something like a total charge about 6,500. 6,500	00:13:16
6	rupees. So 65,000 rupees is roughly about a	00:13:19
7	thousand, 1,100. So immigration gets 20,000, that's	00:13:22
8	about 300 rupees -- dollars, and the rest goes to	00:13:25
9	the airline.	00:13:29
10	And the airline looks the other way. Okay,	00:13:30
11	they have a visa, but normally they don't pick them	00:13:33
12	up unless someone gets paid. So you can have a	00:13:36
13	genuine visa for someplace, they still you have to	00:13:38
14	pay them because they don't know, and they know that	00:13:42
15	this is where they are going.	00:13:44
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Now, who does this	00:13:47
17	arrangement in India?	00:13:49
18	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. This arrangement is	00:13:50
19	mostly done by the ticket guys, by Pablo --	00:13:52
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:13:56
21	MR. BHAMBA: Okay, immigration guys are	00:13:56
22	involved, okay. Uh --	00:14:00

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: You don't get	00:14:02
2	involved in that?	00:14:03
3	MR. BHAMBA: No, no, no.	00:14:04
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Your -- your job and	00:14:04
5	your responsibility --	00:14:06
6	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. But I know everyone.	00:14:08
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: But you know	00:14:09
8	everyone. Okay.	00:14:10
9	MR. BHAMBA: I know everyone, how it is	00:14:11
10	getting done. Okay. Like, say a person is coming,	00:14:12
11	I can, you know, tell you which airline it is going.	00:14:16
12	As long as you don't bust the balls over there, you	00:14:19
13	know, you can watch the whole operation, get to know	00:14:21
14	it better. Okay, I can tell you this is the day	00:14:23
15	that they are coming, and they are coming on this	00:14:25
16	flight. You will have the ticket number, you will	00:14:28
17	have to take, you know, everything. You can see	00:14:30
18	who's doing what, okay. Now, mind that, don't think	00:14:32
19	that the supervisor of KLM or he's not getting paid.	00:14:38
20	So don't go up to him and say, you know, we know	00:14:42
21	about this operation, because everyone is getting	00:14:44
22	paid.	00:14:49

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. And, also, out	00:14:49
2	on the way, someone stopped by, needs some cash, and	00:14:50
3	you have to come out of pocket --	00:14:53
4	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:14:54
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- because you're	00:14:54
6	already in, you're committed.	00:14:55
7	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah, correct.	00:14:58
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So, in summary,	00:14:59
9	roughly about 55,000?	00:15:01
10	MR. BHAMBA: 55,000.	00:15:04
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And then, you know --	00:15:04
12	MR. BHAMBA: And out of that, you pay about	00:15:05
13	28 over there.	00:15:07
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: 28, 3,000.	
15	MR. BHAMBA: And the ticket costs about	00:15:09
16	roughly about 28 -- no, a little more than 28. It	00:15:12
17	costs about 3,200 or whatever.	00:15:17
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So you are already	00:15:19
19	down to 46 or 47, 48.	00:15:20
20	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. Now the person is on the	00:15:23
21	flight, he carries about three or 4,000, 5,000	00:15:25
22	dollars cash on his pocket. He comes over there.	00:15:29

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1	Okay, now, they were coming through Sao Paulo. Now	00:15:34
2	Sao Paulo has become a little tough, okay. What	00:15:37
3	happens is, there is a person over there that	00:15:41
4	charges a little bit amount of money. He works --	00:15:44
5	there are two or three people over there.	00:15:47
6	Okay. What they do is, they call -- they	00:15:50
7	tell the people who are coming, okay. They say, we	00:15:52
8	let you pass. They grab them and they take some	00:15:55
9	money from them, like two, three hundred, 400,000	00:15:59
10	dollars. They say, tell your agent to call us on	00:16:01
11	this number. And we call them. We call them, we	00:16:04
12	talk to them. And they say, okay, we won't molest	00:16:07
13	your people over here, we will get your boarding	00:16:10
14	pass, and we will get them everything. But guess	00:16:13
15	what? Make sure you send us a photocopy of what's	00:16:15
16	up with this person, for passport, and we will pick	00:16:19
17	him up from the tube, we'll put him on the flight,	00:16:23
18	so that's we come to business.	00:16:26
19	Okay. Same way in the Bogota. Okay.	00:16:28
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So they go into	00:16:33
21	Colombia as well?	00:16:33
22	MR. BHAMBA: Colombia, Bogota. Okay, the	00:16:34

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1	flight would normally goes from Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo	00:16:36
2	is a hub, and from Sao Paulo they go straight to	00:16:39
3	Bogota, and Bogota to here, okay.	00:16:42
4	All they --	00:16:45
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Bogota to the	00:16:45
6	Dominican Republic?	00:16:47
7	MR. BHAMBA: Dominican Republic, okay.	00:16:48
8	Then (inaudible) doesn't do anything like	00:16:50
9	that, but --	00:16:52
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So we -- let me -- I	00:16:55
11	am writing all this down. So we are going from	00:16:56
12	India?	00:17:00
13	MR. BHAMBA: India to Dubai.	00:17:00
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Dubai.	00:17:03
15	MR. BHAMBA: And Dubai to -- by Emirates or	00:17:04
16	one of the other airlines, straight to Sao Paulo.	00:17:11
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:17:14
18	MR. BHAMBA: From Sao Paulo, on Avianca, or	00:17:15
19	they come to -- on a ticket going to -- Port of	00:17:19
20	Spain.	00:17:23
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Port of Spain?	00:17:24
22	MR. BHAMBA: Port of Spain. And they go to	00:17:25

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1	Guyana. That's one route.	00:17:27
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. Port of Spain,	00:17:31
3	okay.	00:17:34
4	MR. BHAMBA: And then they go to straight to	00:17:35
5	Guyana, because Guyana just opened up. They don't	00:17:38
6	require visa for Indians.	00:17:41
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Now, the other one	00:17:42
8	was Sao Paulo, then Bogota?	00:17:43
9	MR. BHAMBA: Bogota, okay. And then they	00:17:48
10	come straight to Santo Domingo.	00:17:49
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. And the other	00:17:55
12	one was --	00:17:55
13	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. Another thing is, if	00:17:56
14	they pay someone that has a connection, there is one	00:17:57
15	person named Tinda (phonetic). He's in Argentina,	00:17:59
16	Buenos Aires, but he's working big time in Brazil.	00:18:02
17	And there's one, Ali. Ali, okay, he was caught by	00:18:08
18	your people.	00:18:13
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Is this the people	00:18:14
20	that you heard that do it, but do you know --	00:18:16
21	MR. BHAMBA: No, I --	00:18:19
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: You met them?	00:18:19

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1	MR. BHAMBA: Yes, I paid them money.	00:18:21
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: You paid them the	00:18:22
3	money?	00:18:23
4	MR. BHAMBA: I paid them money. I dealt	00:18:23
5	with the people.	00:18:25
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Dealt with --	00:18:26
7	MR. BHAMBA: I haven't seen them personally.	00:18:26
8	But on phones --	00:18:28
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: How do you pay them?	00:18:29
10	MR. BHAMBA: Huh?	00:18:30
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: How do you pay them?	00:18:30
12	MR. BHAMBA: Oh, the person who's going?	00:18:32
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: The person that's	00:18:33
14	going will take the money?	00:18:33
15	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. He carries the money,	00:18:34
16	and they take the money from him, or you pay the	00:18:36
17	money in India to the people.	00:18:39
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: But you have their	00:18:40
19	numbers, and you communicate via WhatsApp and all	00:18:41
20	this stuff?	00:18:43
21	MR. BHAMBA: Yes, yes.	00:18:45
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. All right. So	00:18:47

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1	I got this down.	00:18:52
2	MR. BHAMBA: Now if I was to talk to them,	00:18:53
3	okay, and the straight away question will be, okay.	00:18:54
4	Do you have the money? Okay, I am going to charge	00:18:57
5	you 13,000 rupees, dollars, for this job. Send your	00:19:00
6	person, or 14,000 or 16,000. And I send the person	00:19:05
7	with the -- okay, they will agree to, okay, when he	00:19:08
8	comes he pays us this, then you pay us -- when he	00:19:11
9	reaches "X" point, like let's say he reaches Brazil,	00:19:14
10	from Brazil they get him a visa for Colombia.	00:19:18
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Let's say for some	00:19:20
12	reason this guy, you are expecting five people from	00:19:22
13	India right now, as an example here. They are in	00:19:25
14	Bogota.	00:19:31
15	MR. BHAMBA: Uh-huh.	00:19:32
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: For some reason they	00:19:32
17	ran out of money or whatnot, and your guy over there	00:19:33
18	that wants to put him in the plane to Santo Domingo	00:19:35
19	needs --	00:19:38
20	MR. BHAMBA: No, no, they have money.	00:19:39
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: All right. But how	00:19:40
22	much money -- how much money -- who instructs them	00:19:42

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1	to bring "X" amount of money? Who gives them the	00:19:46
2	instructions?	00:19:49
3	MR. BHAMBA: That is Pablo. Pablo.	00:19:50
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So Pablo would	00:19:51
5	actually --	00:19:52
6	MR. BHAMBA: Pablo or Irwin Gupta or Tarun	00:19:53
7	or, you know, there's another guy, what's the name.	00:19:59
8	Deraj (phonetic), or, you know --	00:20:06
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So you're not --	00:20:08
10	MR. BHAMBA: There's a whole bunch of them.	00:20:10
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: You're involved --	00:20:10
12	MR. BHAMBA: Espee (phonetic).	00:20:10
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Are you involved in	00:20:11
14	negotiation between, you know, the guys in Argentina	00:20:12
15	and Bogota?	00:20:16
16	MR. BHAMBA: Yes, yes.	00:20:17
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: You're involved in --	00:20:18
18	MR. BHAMBA: Yes. I talk to them, because	00:20:19
19	they are coming through there. I get the numbers	00:20:21
20	from Pablo, okay. Or sometimes I get him numbers	00:20:24
21	that, okay, I know this "X" person is sitting over	00:20:28
22	there, and he will assist you in this.	00:20:30

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So will it be fair to	00:20:33
2	say that you're just the coordinator?	00:20:34
3	MR. BHAMBA: Coordinating.	00:20:36
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: You're coordinating	00:20:36
5	everything?	00:20:38
6	MR. BHAMBA: Everything.	00:20:38
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: You don't come	00:20:39
8	out-of-pocket, and you don't go, hey, listen, I am	00:20:39
9	going to send you a note. Everything --	00:20:42
10	MR. BHAMBA: Yes. I am supposed to,	00:20:44
11	technically, Paul said he is my partner, and he's	00:20:46
12	supposed to pay me 50 percent. But gone with the	00:20:50
13	wind is 50 percent. He never pays me. Or he sent	00:20:52
14	me over here, he's blackmailing me, he said a	00:20:56
15	passport is, you know, I will screw your passport	00:20:59
16	up, your son is over here, you are --	00:21:02
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: I hear you.	00:21:03
18	MR. BHAMBA: -- to work for "X" amount.	00:21:04
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: I hear you. I hear	00:21:06
20	you.	00:21:07
21	MR. BHAMBA: Now you want your son? Okay.	00:21:08
22	You want some harm to come to him? Agree to 4,000.	00:21:10

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1	So my 50 percent is gone, okay. But I am stuck with	00:21:14
2	whatever money he pays me. And then little do I	00:21:20
3	realize that all the mistakes, that anything	00:21:23
4	happens, even at end destination, it is my fault.	00:21:26
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:21:31
6	MR. BHAMBA: Anyone dies, it's my fault,	00:21:32
7	okay.	00:21:34
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Yeah.	00:21:35
9	MR. BHAMBA: But anything that he makes -- I	00:21:35
10	never see the light of the money anywhere.	00:21:37
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:21:40
12	MR. BHAMBA: My only saving grace is that	00:21:40
13	through him, these ten people who had all the money,	00:21:43
14	I have managed to get at least six of them to	00:21:46
15	Canada, or to the USA. And I am done with them.	00:21:49
16	So --	00:21:54
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So once the USA --	00:21:55
18	okay, everything goes well, everybody came through,	00:21:56
19	they made it to the United States, and they released	00:21:59
20	that money, there in India --	00:22:02
21	MR. BHAMBA: Yes.	00:22:03
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And that's how Pablo	00:22:03

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1	gets paid and you get paid.	00:22:04
2	MR. BHAMBA: Pablo gets paid, and I get	00:22:05
3	paid.	00:22:07
4	Okay. Some of them he charges less, like 24	00:22:07
5	lakhs, twenty for a hundred thousand rupees. Okay.	00:22:11
6	Lakhs, you know.	00:22:18
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:22:19
8	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. Now, in that case, the	00:22:19
9	money -- okay, he takes 14,000 -- 1,400 -- 14 lakhs	00:22:21
10	before, and then he takes 10, when the people reach	00:22:27
11	final destination. That is the -- okay, the come to	00:22:30
12	Brazil. From Brazil they go to Colombia. Or from	00:22:34
13	Brazil they go to Ecuador, okay. In Ecuador they	00:22:39
14	pay 100,000 dollars for entry to immigration over	00:22:43
15	there. And that's guaranteed entry.	00:22:47
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: They got caught in	00:22:48
17	Colombia, you don't get paid, he doesn't get paid.	00:22:51
18	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. But Colombia, if they	00:22:53
19	get caught, they get them out with money. That's	00:22:55
20	not a big problem.	00:22:59
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: What do you mean?	00:23:00
22	MR. BHAMBA: The pay someone.	00:23:01

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: They pay someone?	00:23:02
2	MR. BHAMBA: Pay someone. And immigration	00:23:03
3	is there, is, you know, it is -- you can buy them	00:23:05
4	and, you know, they will deport them in such a way	00:23:08
5	that they will deport them to Salvador, Cuba, and	00:23:11
6	they will pay someone in Salvador to jump them over.	00:23:14
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And go somewhere.	00:23:17
8	Okay.	00:23:19
9	MR. BHAMBA: Salvador, they pay people over	00:23:19
10	there. Guatemala used to be big time, now it is	00:23:24
11	very low key. There's one or two people going out,	00:23:26
12	but no -- not much, because the old gang got busted	00:23:29
13	over there. Mexico is still one in a few. But	00:23:35
14	right now, every given day, you have 50 people	00:23:38
15	walking. Every day they start walking from Quito,	00:23:42
16	to -- by boat, the boat journey to the island, and	00:23:48
17	going to Panama.	00:23:52
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:23:53
19	MR. BHAMBA: In Panama they claim they are	00:23:53
20	Nepali citizens, and Panama keeps them for 7 or 8	00:23:54
21	days or ten days or two weeks. They pay a little,	00:23:59
22	two, three hundred extra, they get off in two weeks.	00:24:02

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1 If they don't, then they stay about four weeks. 00:24:05

2 After that, they are left -- given a piece 00:24:09  
3 of paper, leave our country within 48 hours or 00:24:10  
4 something. They go straight to Guatemala. They are 00:24:13  
5 caught in -- the Quitos take them to Guatemala, and 00:24:19  
6 from Guatemala they take them straight to Mexico. 00:24:23  
7 From Mexico, there's some people who are doing it 00:24:27  
8 through the tunnel or something. 00:24:30

9 SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Now, when they go 00:24:32  
10 through Mexico, if they get caught, do they claim 00:24:33  
11 right away, or do they present themselves to the 00:24:37  
12 border? 00:24:39

13 MR. BHAMBA: No, no. If they got -- get 00:24:39  
14 caught, Mexico keeps them for a month, 30 days, or 00:24:40  
15 40 days. And after 40 days, it gives them something 00:24:44  
16 like ten days or one week to leave the country, and 00:24:50  
17 then they cross the border again. 00:24:53

18 So on that route, once the person is there, 00:24:56  
19 he's never coming back. 00:25:01

20 SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Never coming back. 00:25:02

21 At which point you get paid? 00:25:03

22 MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. We get paid -- the 00:25:06

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1	payment is received when the person reaches Mexico	00:25:07
2	and he's crossing over. They make sure before he	00:25:11
3	crosses over --	00:25:14
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:25:15
5	MR. BHAMBA: -- all the nominees are paid.	00:25:15
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. So if they are	00:25:18
7	all paid, then they get released?	00:25:20
8	MR. BHAMBA: Then they get released, cross	00:25:23
9	the border.	00:25:24
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: For them to cross the	00:25:24
11	border and get caught --	00:25:25
12	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah --	00:25:26
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- by immigration.	00:25:26
14	MR. BHAMBA: -- get caught by immigration.	00:25:27
15	They're purposely getting caught. It is not	00:25:28
16	that immigration is getting them, they are just	00:25:29
17	purposely waiting for immigration.	00:25:32
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Just to apply for	00:25:33
19	asylum or whatever.	00:25:34
20	MR. BHAMBA: To apply for asylum.	00:25:35
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:25:37
22	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. We can track -- let's	00:25:38

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1 say some person is going. Let's say you set me up 00:25:40  
2 in Mexico. Okay, I tell them, okay, I can get those 00:25:42  
3 people out. We can use one of the coyotes, the one 00:25:45  
4 that is for the Sri Lankans, (inaudible) can we get 00:25:49  
5 him, it won't affect my operation, because he didn't 00:25:53  
6 have any links to the Indians. So that would be a 00:25:57  
7 separate -- 00:26:00

8 SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: The Sri Lankans. 00:26:01

9 MR. BHAMBA: Sri Lankans, okay. We can use 00:26:01  
10 that channel, get them to Mexico. You can track all 00:26:04  
11 the money, where it is coming, okay. I can tell 00:26:08  
12 them I need the money over here. They will send the 00:26:10  
13 money over there. There are some people who are of 00:26:14  
14 Indian descent and Pakistani descent, who are living 00:26:17  
15 over there who do this big time. They are 00:26:20  
16 transporting something like in Mexico, Mexico alone, 00:26:24  
17 they are transporting something like 500, 600, about 00:26:28  
18 half a million dollars every one or two days. That 00:26:34  
19 much money is getting paid, between Texas and the 00:26:40  
20 whole border. That is just from India. I don't 00:26:44  
21 know how much is from other places. 00:26:47

22 SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh. 00:26:55

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1	MR. BHAMBA: Because the people, it is a	00:26:56
2	steady stream. Ten people, 20. Okay. Let's say	00:26:57
3	there are ten people going. Now, at least, at	00:27:00
4	least, rest of the money is paid in the front over	00:27:03
5	there, Ecuador and all -- at least five or six	00:27:06
6	thousand dollars per person has to be paid when the	00:27:09
7	person reaches Mexico. And that has to reach Mexico	00:27:14
8	that money.	00:27:17
9	Now, people are not carrying it because they	00:27:19
10	can get robbed on the way.	00:27:20
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:27:22
12	MR. BHAMBA: So that money gets sent to	00:27:22
13	Western Union.	00:27:26
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: I see.	00:27:28
15	MR. BHAMBA: Pablo was doing it through	00:27:29
16	someone in the States. He was bringing it to -- on	00:27:30
17	a truck, at the height of the operation, when they	00:27:36
18	were sending something like 20 people or 15 people	00:27:39
19	or 10 people. Early. And at that time they	00:27:45
20	couldn't just keep up with the money coming, so they	00:27:48
21	had to --	00:27:51
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So what can you tell	00:27:52

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1	me about Pakistanis and aliens from those countries	00:27:53
2	that are --	00:27:55
3	MR. BHAMBA: Their route is the same.	00:27:56
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Their route is the	00:27:57
5	same.	00:27:59
6	MR. BHAMBA: Route is the same.	00:28:00
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So would the guys --	00:28:01
8	would the guys from India, like Pablo and the other	00:28:05
9	ones, deal with them, or there's -- that's a	00:28:06
10	separate line or separate people in the (inaudible)?	00:28:09
11	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. The Pakistanis, they	00:28:12
12	Pakistanis don't deal with the -- Pakistanis deal	00:28:14
13	with Indians. But Indians, normally, they don't --	00:28:16
14	they have no contact with Pakistanis.	00:28:20
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:28:23
16	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. When it comes over here	00:28:23
17	on the way, like in the center point, if they come	00:28:25
18	to Mexico and Pablo has them, he'll get them, you	00:28:28
19	know. But otherwise, I don't think so, any Indian	00:28:32
20	deals with Pakistanis over here.	00:28:36
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:28:38
22	MR. BHAMBA: In none of the operations I	00:28:39

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1	have come across.	00:28:40
2	There is one or two people over there who is	00:28:45
3	doing it, they are doing it for the Indians and the	00:28:47
4	Pakistanis, both of them. Like Ali, okay. Ali is	00:28:51
5	doing it for both, okay.	00:28:54
6	Then there is Ali is doing it, then there	00:28:56
7	are a couple of people in Mexico who are doing it,	00:29:01
8	money laundering for both sides, you know. Okay,	00:29:03
9	they have garment shops. That's the front. But	00:29:08
10	otherwise they are dealing in money.	00:29:12
11	Some of them, Ali was arrested by the US	00:29:15
12	government, okay. That was (inaudible) thing. He	00:29:19
13	was arrested. Okay, he got out, with a warning.	00:29:22
14	Okay, he had his base in Mexico, Ali. Now Ali is	00:29:26
15	not in Mexico, but he is in Brazil. So he is big	00:29:30
16	time.	00:29:36
17	Ali, Gary. They have made a lot of money in	00:29:36
18	the previous year. Okay, they have gotten people	00:29:39
19	out from Cuba. They had a connection with Interjet.	00:29:42
20	Interjet was an airline that was -- goes straight to	00:29:50
21	Mexico. And they milked -- he has some connection	00:29:52
22	where they will get them boarding pass and all that	00:29:56

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1	from Mexico. And, boom. They made them tickets.	00:29:58
2	They are going Mexico, Mexico transit, to India.	00:30:02
3	But there was no transit, they were getting	00:30:06
4	them straight off in Mexico. So that route they	00:30:08
5	were using -- okay. When the tough -- when the	00:30:12
6	going gets tough, some of them take them to	00:30:14
7	Cameroon, okay. Some of them take them to Kenya.	00:30:16
8	And from Kenya they come to these destinations.	00:30:21
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:30:29
10	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. The people that are --	00:30:30
11	there is two -- there's two sets. There's one set,	00:30:31
12	the people have already obtained papers from Europe,	00:30:34
13	political asylum or work permits or whatever. Now	00:30:42
14	because they have that, they can legally travel to	00:30:44
15	Mexico. So they legally travel to Mexico. But	00:30:47
16	Mexico, whether irrespective of whether you have	00:30:50
17	legal documents or whatever, it costs 4,000 dollars,	00:30:53
18	at least, even with the best documents. You can	00:30:57
19	have a legal visa, but if you don't pay the Mexicans	00:30:59
20	4,000 dollars, you are shit out of luck.	00:31:03
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: I hear you.	00:31:05
22	Let me ask you something. On the -- as part	00:31:06

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1	of your duties and responsibilities down here, when	00:31:09
2	dealing with these aliens, you have mentioned before	00:31:12
3	that you would get them their plane tickets?	00:31:16
4	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. Plane tickets are given	00:31:19
5	to me.	00:31:21
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: I know we are going	00:31:21
7	to go over the computers tomorrow and everything	00:31:22
8	like that, but do you have what -- what type of	00:31:24
9	format do you have? Do you have the actual e-mail	00:31:26
10	from the airline when you book it online? The	00:31:31
11	electronic tickets? That's what you have on the	00:31:33
12	e-mails.	00:31:35
13	MR. BHAMBA: Yes, that's what --	00:31:35
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: But you do that	00:31:36
15	yourself, right? You go in, and you book it --	00:31:37
16	MR. BHAMBA: No, no, I don't.	00:31:39
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Who does it then?	00:31:40
18	MR. BHAMBA: Pablo does it.	00:31:41
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Pablo does it. So	00:31:41
20	Pablo would send it to you?	00:31:43
21	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. Because I am -- I know	00:31:46
22	all the -- I am the brains, I know English, I know,	00:31:47

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1	you know, which ticket, who can work the connection.	00:31:51
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So he would do the	00:31:53
3	reservation over there, e-mail -- he would e-mail it	00:31:54
4	to you --	00:31:56
5	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:31:57
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- from your	00:31:57
7	e-mail --	00:31:57
8	MR. BHAMBA: When he gets the ticket, he	00:31:58
9	will e-mail me the ticket, he will Whats me --	00:31:59
10	WhatsApp the person's picture to me.	00:32:01
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:32:05
12	MR. BHAMBA: And what I will do, I will make	00:32:06
13	sure that he has a safe landing over here.	00:32:07
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And safe landing over	00:32:11
15	here. So you watch it -- will you pick him up at	00:32:11
16	the airport?	00:32:13
17	MR. BHAMBA: Yes. I will pick him up at the	00:32:14
18	airport.	00:32:15
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: At the airport you	00:32:15
20	have the picture, you already have the plane ticket,	00:32:16
21	so you know the flight and everything like that.	00:32:18
22	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. If he runs into any	00:32:21

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1	problem, okay, like, if he's coming from Curacao or	00:32:22
2	from Bogota, if there is anything, if there are a	00:32:27
3	couple of people, if he runs into problem, I can	00:32:29
4	help him, you know, tell those people, that it is --	00:32:32
5	okay. He also uses -- sometimes I help him,	00:32:36
6	sometimes he helps me, or he helps Pablo. But Pablo	00:32:39
7	pays him. I am just the coordinator.	00:32:43
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: You are the	00:32:46
9	coordinator. So you will pick him up. Let's say he	00:32:46
10	tells the five people coming over from Bogota, go to	00:32:48
11	the airport, put them up --	00:32:51
12	MR. BHAMBA: Yes.	00:32:53
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And --	00:32:53
14	MR. BHAMBA: And put them in the house.	00:32:54
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Put them in the	00:32:55
16	house. So you would make the reservations for the	00:32:56
17	house?	00:32:58
18	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:32:59
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And you will make	00:32:59
20	sure that they get in there --	00:33:01
21	MR. BHAMBA: Eat, read, if they are bringing	00:33:04
22	in --	00:33:06

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Will you feed them?	00:33:06
2	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. By themselves.	00:33:07
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: They feed by	00:33:08
4	themselves.	00:33:09
5	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:33:09
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So nobody has money	00:33:09
7	to purchase their food or whatever?	00:33:11
8	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. They have money to	00:33:13
9	purchase, or so I will make sure they are	00:33:14
10	comfortable, try to tell them not to go out, don't	00:33:15
11	womanize, you will get robbed and all the normal	00:33:18
12	things.	00:33:21
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And if anybody needs	00:33:22
14	medical attention or something like that, will	00:33:23
15	you -- will you coordinate that?	00:33:26
16	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. If they are in my	00:33:27
17	charge, then I have no choice but to, you know.	00:33:29
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. And when it	00:33:34
19	comes to the stash house where you keep them here in	00:33:38
20	the Dominican Republic, would you -- would you	00:33:40
21	actually rent a room in a hotel or do you have a --	00:33:44
22	MR. BHAMBA: House.	00:33:47

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: You have a house?	00:33:48
2	MR. BHAMBA: Have a house.	00:33:49
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Is it always the same	00:33:49
4	house?	00:33:50
5	MR. BHAMBA: No. Different, apply --	00:33:51
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And how do you get	00:33:52
7	this houses?	00:33:53
8	MR. BHAMBA: Houses? It is easy. You know,	00:33:54
9	you -- there are rental houses, you know, and	00:33:56
10	apartments.	00:33:58
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Rental properties.	00:33:59
12	MR. BHAMBA: Rental properties.	00:33:59
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. So you rent	00:34:00
14	them.	00:34:02
15	MR. BHAMBA: Yes.	00:34:02
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: It is not that --	00:34:03
17	would the people, would the owners of the place know	00:34:05
18	what is it for?	00:34:09
19	MR. BHAMBA: No, no.	00:34:09
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Or is it something	00:34:10
21	you rent them like --	00:34:11
22	MR. BHAMBA: They wouldn't know. They would	00:34:11

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1	say, okay, there's a bunch of guys coming, and they	00:34:12
2	are here on vacation --	00:34:15
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:34:18
4	MR. BHAMBA: And, because I do when they are	00:34:18
5	coming, they have a three-month entry, so they're	00:34:19
6	legal.	00:34:22
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:34:22
8	MR. BHAMBA: So that's not a problem. So	00:34:22
9	within that time frame, they are long gone.	00:34:24
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: They are long gone.	00:34:28
11	Okay.	00:34:30
12	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:34:30
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. And I didn't	00:34:31
14	ask you earlier, I mean, I'm sorry, I have so many	00:34:33
15	questions for you, and now we are going to pick this	00:34:35
16	up tomorrow. But you --	00:34:38
17	MR. BHAMBA: If you can give me your e-mail,	00:34:40
18	what I can do is, I can go home, and what I can do	00:34:41
19	is I can sort of e-mail most of the -- you know,	00:34:48
20	tickets and all, okay. There is one -- there are	00:34:51
21	guys who does tickets, there are three people in	00:34:54
22	Delhi. There's one, Urag (phonetic), he has a	00:34:57

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1	travel agency. He does this thing, his 99 percent	00:35:01
2	booking is just for that.	00:35:07
3	Then there's another, Tarun. He's made all	00:35:10
4	his money through this. He does charges for ticket	00:35:13
5	and for getting -- making sure the person is over	00:35:17
6	here to coordinating the immigration and the	00:35:19
7	ticketing over there. Then there's Raj.	00:35:23
8	There are a couple of people who do that.	00:35:25
9	And none of this operation is successful until	00:35:29
10	someone has a visa for the States, or has a son or	00:35:32
11	daughter or is a US citizen. Because without your	00:35:38
12	having direct access, if you are coming the same	00:35:43
13	route, through the guys, even if you don't own the	00:35:48
14	guys, it is very easy to get charged somewhere,	00:35:51
15	okay.	00:35:55
16	Panama is a hot spot. Panama can pick you	00:35:55
17	up -- (inaudible) Panama can let you go, or pick you	00:36:01
18	up and send you back.	00:36:03
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:36:08
20	MR. BHAMBA: Because Interpol is there,	00:36:08
21	okay. (Inaudible) ask anything. If you know the	00:36:13
22	right airlines. Now, see, Sao Paulo is not doing so	00:36:16

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1 much on the US or something around that, it is just 00:36:20  
2 that they -- the people in Sao Paulo have relied on 00:36:25  
3 immigration, and the boarding card guys realize 00:36:27  
4 there's so much money to be made. 00:36:31

5 SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Corrupt (inaudible). 00:36:33

6 MR. BHAMBA: Willing to pay. So now the 00:36:34  
7 price has gone up a thousand. The same way over 00:36:36  
8 there in Bogota. If you pay them, okay, they knew 00:36:39  
9 that these people were carrying money. When we were 00:36:44  
10 sending them, I was sending people for Pablo, at 00:36:47  
11 times they were robbing them at the airport. 00:36:51

12 Immigration was robbing them at the airport. They 00:36:54  
13 were saying, okay, give us -- they were virtually 00:37:01  
14 strip search them, you know, say, okay, give us -- 00:37:01

15 SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Clean their pockets. 00:37:02

16 MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. Give us this, otherwise 00:37:03  
17 we are going to send you back. So they -- if they 00:37:05  
18 were carrying 4,000 or 5,000 or 7,000, they would 00:37:10  
19 grab 2,000 out of each. 00:37:14

20 SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So what would they 00:37:15  
21 do? When they get to the other country, they would 00:37:15  
22 have -- someone would have to Western Union money to 00:37:16

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1	them, right?	00:37:18
2	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. So now, Western Union,	00:37:20
3	that's why the payment has gone up at the Western	00:37:23
4	Union. They send the money to someone, you know, in	00:37:26
5	UK, okay. Now, the UK people are -- there's so many	00:37:31
6	immigrant people, they are sending money to India.	00:37:35
7	They don't want to send it Western Union.	00:37:38
8	Okay. When they send it Western Union, you	00:37:40
9	know, some of them don't know English, or they go to	00:37:43
10	Western Union and then they give them a check, they	00:37:45
11	have to go to the bank. So it is a hassle.	00:37:48
12	Whereas the regular guy? They just give him	00:37:51
13	a note, and they go to him and they present that	00:37:54
14	note to him, and the note has this number, and he	00:37:57
15	takes this hundred dollar bill, with this number,	00:38:00
16	gives another -- now he has proof he has paid.	00:38:04
17	That's a receipt. No ID taken.	00:38:09
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. I see.	00:38:15
19	MR. BHAMBA: Foolproof system.	00:38:17
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Wow. Wow. The --	00:38:20
21	MR. BHAMBA: See --	00:38:22
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: We're discussing	00:38:23

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1	earlier, first interview that you did the --	00:38:25
2	(inaudible) for the five people that were caught --	00:38:32
3	MR. BHAMBA: Uh-huh.	00:38:34
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- in the store, back	00:38:35
5	in Miami.	00:38:36
6	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. I have 13 people tickets	00:38:37
7	that -- total amount of people that came are from	00:38:40
8	this.	00:38:43
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:38:44
10	MR. BHAMBA: All of them I have the tickets	00:38:44
11	for where how they came.	00:38:45
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:38:47
13	MR. BHAMBA: From which company the tickets	00:38:47
14	were, which day they arrive in Haiti.	00:38:48
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Everything.	00:38:50
16	MR. BHAMBA: Everything.	00:38:51
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So we will be able to	00:38:51
18	track the whole journey.	00:38:52
19	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. Give me your e-mail,	00:38:55
20	I'll send all of them.	00:38:55
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Yeah. I'll make sure	00:38:56
22	you have it before you leave.	00:38:57

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1	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. I will send all of it.	00:38:58
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And, also, so --	00:39:00
3	MR. BHAMBA: The thing --	00:39:00
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- at one point you	00:39:01
5	mentioned you contacted the immigration attorney in	00:39:02
6	Miami.	00:39:06
7	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. Michael Douglas -- Mark	00:39:07
8	Douglas.	00:39:09
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Mark Douglas.	00:39:10
10	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:39:11
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Now, why -- why do	00:39:12
12	you contact him? Do you know him or have you dealt	00:39:13
13	with him before?	00:39:16
14	MR. BHAMBA: No, no, I didn't know him.	00:39:17
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Why did you contact	00:39:18
16	him?	00:39:19
17	MR. BHAMBA: What I did is, okay, I went	00:39:19
18	online, looked for an attorney, okay. Back in the	00:39:22
19	days I knew attorneys, because I was living in the	00:39:26
20	States.	00:39:30
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:39:31
22	MR. BHAMBA: Now I had not been to Miami or	00:39:31

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1	anything so I didn't know anyone. I asked, went	00:39:33
2	online, looked for a couple of attorneys. He looked	00:39:37
3	the best one.	00:39:40
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:39:41
5	MR. BHAMBA: So I randomly called him.	00:39:41
6	Marcia went to him. Marcia --	00:39:44
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Marcia actually went	00:39:48
8	to --	00:39:49
9	MR. BHAMBA: Yes. Physically went to him.	00:39:49
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: She went to the	00:39:51
11	United States --	00:39:52
12	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:39:53
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Contact him.	00:39:53
14	MR. BHAMBA: Contacted him. I told her,	00:39:54
15	this is an attorney, and, you know, contact him.	00:39:56
16	And I talked to him. He worked things out. Marcia	00:40:00
17	went to him. E-mailed him the money from Pablo,	00:40:02
18	e-mailed him the money.	00:40:05
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Let me ask you,	00:40:07
20	Marcia, does she have a US visa or --	00:40:08
21	MR. BHAMBA: She has a US visa.	00:40:12
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: She has a US visa.	00:40:14

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1	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:40:16
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. And then so	00:40:16
3	who gave you those documents that you brought over?	00:40:17
4	MR. BHAMBA: Which ones?	00:40:22
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: The ones -- correct	00:40:24
6	me if I am wrong, you had those documents -- you had	00:40:25
7	documents for these five individuals, immigration	00:40:27
8	documents, mainly?	00:40:31
9	MR. BHAMBA: No.	00:40:32
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Did the attorney? Or	00:40:32
11	did they e-mail them to you, only for --	00:40:34
12	MR. BHAMBA: Only for one. They e-mailed	00:40:37
13	me.	00:40:39
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Who e-mailed it to	00:40:39
15	you?	00:40:41
16	MR. BHAMBA: People in India, they mailed me	00:40:42
17	the passport and all. Basically, I had the passport	00:40:44
18	already --	00:40:47
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: What about	00:40:47
20	immigration documents that were generated or issued	00:40:47
21	in Miami by immigration, do you have any of that?	00:40:51
22	Pertaining to the immigration process in Miami.	00:40:55

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1	MR. BHAMBA: No.	00:40:57
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Do you have anything?	00:40:57
3	MR. BHAMBA: No, he didn't send Mark, he	00:40:58
4	didn't send me anything. I have this communication.	00:40:59
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Oh, just	00:41:02
6	communication.	00:41:02
7	MR. BHAMBA: Communication.	00:41:03
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:41:03
9	MR. BHAMBA: That send me this, or send me	00:41:03
10	that. I didn't give him my real name, I just told	00:41:05
11	him I am Bupinder Kuman, I was a family friend, and	00:41:09
12	this is what it is. He thinks Marcia is -- Marcia	00:41:13
13	is my girlfriend.	00:41:16
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:41:18
15	MR. BHAMBA: But he thinks I'm Pablo.	00:41:18
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: I see what you're	00:41:21
17	saying.	00:41:22
18	MR. BHAMBA: But Pablo sent the money to	00:41:23
19	him, accidentally he sent 2,800 dollars extra. So	00:41:24
20	he sent Marcia to collect that money from him.	00:41:30
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So do you think that	00:41:32
22	the US Attorney knows that you guys are the	00:41:34

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1	smuggler?	00:41:36
2	MR. BHAMBA: No. I don't think so. I don't	00:41:37
3	think so. He's confused -- he was out of his wits,	00:41:39
4	because now what do you have is 20 Indians, you	00:41:44
5	know, what the family is doing, they see anyone who	00:41:47
6	knows English, have they call him and say, you know,	00:41:51
7	this is the lawyers number, talk to him, because	00:41:54
8	they don't know English.	00:41:56
9	So someone calls over there and says,	00:41:58
10	Mr. Mark, okay, I am here for -- who are you, sir.	00:42:00
11	Okay, I can't give you private conversation to, you	00:42:04
12	know, what is between your client, I can't give you	00:42:07
13	that information. I'm his uncle. And he will say,	00:42:09
14	okay, but, you know, my fees need to be paid. Then	00:42:11
15	everyone would hang up. And the first thing they	00:42:15
16	asking, when is he going to be released.	00:42:17
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:42:19
18	MR. BHAMBA: Pablo tried it a couple of	00:42:19
19	times. Pablo's English is a little bit skippy, not	00:42:21
20	that good, okay. So he's tried it a couple of	00:42:25
21	times. Eventually the lawyer said, I am not going	00:42:29
22	to talk to anyone. So my code with him is that to	00:42:32

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1	make sure I'm Bupinder. Because what's his name,	00:42:36
2	he's been hired by the other guys, also, by Gupta to	00:42:38
3	represent the others. I think one or two of the	00:42:42
4	common law, someone is, you know --	00:42:47
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Also contacted him.	00:42:49
6	MR. BHAMBA: So Gupta is pretending to be	00:42:50
7	me, he doesn't want his real name to be out there,	00:42:53
8	because he doesn't want to get it, so he's	00:42:55
9	pretending to be me. And he was saying, I just	00:42:58
10	talked to you. I said, no, you didn't talk to me.	00:43:00
11	So I have his number on WhatsApp and on	00:43:03
12	Y-versal (phonetic). Eventually, now we have that,	00:43:05
13	that in order to identify myself, I give him my	00:43:08
14	e-mail. Then he knows I am the right Kumar. And	00:43:10
15	then he tells me, okay, I didn't get paid, whatever.	00:43:14
16	So I told his folks over there, I said, you	00:43:17
17	know, you have to give some guarantee or whatever it	00:43:20
18	is that you are responsible for him, otherwise no	00:43:23
19	one is going to bail him out.	00:43:25
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So who's paying this	00:43:27
21	attorney?	00:43:29
22	MR. BHAMBA: Pablo.	00:43:30

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Pablo.	00:43:30
2	MR. BHAMBA: Pablo is paying the attorney.	00:43:31
3	Because it is 25 lakhs, rupees, is down the tube,	00:43:34
4	and they are not paying him anything, and this guy	00:43:41
5	(inaudible).	
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:43:47
7	MR. BHAMBA: See, the main guys are Pablo,	00:43:47
8	Armin, Turin. They have about 30 guys, okay, that	00:43:50
9	are doing this. If you take away the ones over	00:43:55
10	here, you're merely just stemming the flow. They	00:44:01
11	will find another person.	00:44:03
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:44:05
13	MR. BHAMBA: They will find another person.	00:44:06
14	If you hurt the cash flow, and if you hurt	00:44:08
15	them over there, like, say, Pablo can now, can tell	00:44:13
16	you how you can pick up Pablo and really build a	00:44:18
17	case. This guy who died, technically he died of a	00:44:20
18	bad liver. But he died in a boat. They were taking	00:44:24
19	him in a boat, the boat was jumping too much, and	00:44:28
20	part of that is a contributing factor.	00:44:31
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:44:35
22	MR. BHAMBA: So if you can, you know, based	00:44:35

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1	on that, now that's a murder charge. Maybe you	00:44:38
2	can't extradite him from there, him being a Canadian	00:44:44
3	citizen, and he never ventures out of India. And	00:44:48
4	only way he would venture out is if he has someone,	00:44:51
5	like the last time the operation was set up for	00:44:57
6	Nick, how the people got Nick, the feds got Nick,	00:45:00
7	was they sent in a person posing as, you know, he	00:45:04
8	was a helicopter pilot, he was taking the people	00:45:08
9	from there to the point to be -- it is -- you have	00:45:11
10	to give him some initiative that he's going to make	00:45:14
11	money, like gangbusters, he's got a real guy. And,	00:45:16
12	you know, I am a lowly person, I am just a	00:45:20
13	coordinator, you are the main guy, and he wants to	00:45:22
14	talk to you, you know, or something. And he's got	00:45:25
15	five -- we get five or ten people out, but at the	00:45:28
16	same time, they've got political asylum, or they	00:45:31
17	have a flight or something. And you can always have	00:45:34
18	a track on them and get them out any time.	00:45:37
19	Because, you know, it is not that the guys	00:45:42
20	who we left over there can just vanish into thin	00:45:45
21	air. If you take responsible person (inaudible),	00:45:49
22	the people are there. Okay. I know where they are.	00:45:53

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1	I know which family they belong to or whatever,	00:45:57
2	because they have dealt with me. And the families	00:46:00
3	are going to hold them, you know, for the whole	00:46:02
4	green card.	00:46:04
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Let me ask you	00:46:05
6	something. When you bring them to -- let's say,	00:46:05
7	Puerto Rico, Miami, whatnot, you put the aliens in	00:46:08
8	the hotel or a stash house or whatever, right?	00:46:11
9	MR. BHAMBA: Hotel. Mostly hotel.	00:46:14
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Mostly hotel.	00:46:14
11	MR. BHAMBA: Or sometimes if it is the	00:46:15
12	Bahamians who are doing it, they have some money,	00:46:17
13	okay, let's say there's 8,000 dollars to be paid --	00:46:19
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: At which point do you	00:46:22
15	notify the family so they can make the deposits?	00:46:25
16	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. As soon as they land in	00:46:29
17	a stash house or the hotel.	00:46:32
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:46:33
19	MR. BHAMBA: They've got 24 hours to --	00:46:34
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: 24 hours (inaudible).	00:46:35
21	So until they pay off every penny that they	00:46:37
22	owe, they are going to let go?	00:46:40

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1	MR. BHAMBA: They won't let go.	00:46:42
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: They won't let go.	00:46:43
3	MR. BHAMBA: That's the same thing that	00:46:44
4	happened in Mexico.	00:46:46
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So they -- if once	00:46:47
6	you guys -- if you guys get paid and they leave the	00:46:48
7	stash house, and they get arrested somewhere else --	00:46:52
8	MR. BHAMBA: That's nothing.	00:46:54
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: It is not your	00:46:55
10	problem.	00:46:56
11	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. Not my problem.	00:46:57
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: It is not Pablo's	00:46:58
13	problem.	00:46:59
14	MR. BHAMBA: It is not Pablo. Pablo also is	00:47:00
15	scot free.	00:47:02
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And you give your	00:47:03
17	number?	00:47:04
18	MR. BHAMBA: No. Now, if they got caught	00:47:05
19	going on the bus, yes, next time what they are going	00:47:07
20	to do is they are going to bring a car.	00:47:12
21	Now, this much I can -- if I am in the	00:47:14
22	Bahamas, this much I can do. I can have a safe	00:47:17

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1	house or something. I can put a tracker on some --	00:47:20
2	on all them, you know, if you can give me something	00:47:25
3	that I can keep track of them. I can put it on the	00:47:28
4	boots or something that they wouldn't notice.	00:47:31
5	Because I have access, you know. Or Marcia has	00:47:35
6	access. But if I am there, Marcia wouldn't have it,	00:47:38
7	any of her business, to do anything. And I can.	00:47:41
8	And it is only not Marcia. Marcia is a go-between.	00:47:44
9	The Shaba, there's different guys, there's Cubans,	00:47:49
10	okay, there's Americans, also.	00:47:51
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: You are the	00:47:54
12	coordinator.	00:47:55
13	MR. BHAMBA: Yes. There are Americans,	00:47:56
14	also.	00:47:56
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So you can --	00:47:57
16	MR. BHAMBA: I can --	00:47:57
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Listen. You are the	00:48:00
18	coordinator, right?	00:48:00
19	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:48:02
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So what's not to say	00:48:03
21	that you are the one who coordinated, who -- the	00:48:04
22	people that are going to pick them up in Miami, for	00:48:07

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1	instance? Who calls the shot on who's going to pick	00:48:10
2	them up in Miami? Is it something that you can	00:48:13
3	coordinate?	00:48:17
4	MR. BHAMBA: Like who picks them up over	00:48:18
5	there? No, no. I don't have anyone.	00:48:20
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. But let's say,	00:48:22
7	for instance, you have someone.	00:48:23
8	MR. BHAMBA: I can, I can.	00:48:25
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So you if have	00:48:26
10	someone --	00:48:26
11	MR. BHAMBA: But I don't have, but if I	00:48:27
12	have.	00:48:28
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Let's say, what if.	00:48:29
14	MR. BHAMBA: Then that's boom.	00:48:31
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Great. I mean, Pablo	00:48:33
16	is not going to come to you and say, no, no, no.	00:48:34
17	MR. BHAMBA: No, no, no.	00:48:36
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Juan is going to pick	00:48:36
19	them up in Miami. He's not going to say that.	00:48:39
20	MR. BHAMBA: I can, I can, I can.	00:48:39
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: You can.	00:48:41
22	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:48:41

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Because you're the	00:48:41
2	coordinator? You're the man?	00:48:42
3	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:48:46
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:48:47
5	MR. BHAMBA: Same thing I learned in Mexico,	00:48:47
6	I'm the coordinator, the money is going to come to	00:48:50
7	me, I am going to pick it up.	00:48:54
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: (Inaudible) --	
9	MR. BHAMBA: If I am at a point, if I am at	00:48:55
10	the pinpoint, I'm the boss.	00:48:57
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:48:59
12	MR. BHAMBA: I have to --	00:49:00
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Take pinpoint from A	00:49:01
14	to B, however you do it, he doesn't care, as long as	00:49:02
15	they get to the final destination.	00:49:05
16	MR. BHAMBA: Final destination. That's it.	00:49:07
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. (Inaudible).	00:49:13
18	We did a lot today, we covered a lot. What	00:49:16
19	I am going to do --	00:49:19
20	MR. BHAMBA: Main thing is, what I am saying	00:49:20
21	is, if you have to -- okay, you can keep me forever,	00:49:22
22	okay. As long as you don't burn me. Okay. As long	00:49:27

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1	as I'm not burned, okay, if I am in the street,	00:49:30
2	maybe I am getting one person out, two persons out.	00:49:33
3	It is for coordination. You pick them up somewhere	00:49:38
4	else or whatever, you know. He goes over there, you	00:49:40
5	pick him up and work, you know. He's still illegal,	00:49:43
6	you know.	00:49:48
7	He's doing illegal work at a gas station.	00:49:50
8	Cop just pulls over. He says, okay, I -- show me	00:49:53
9	you are selling cigarettes, the alcohol, do you	00:49:58
10	have, busted. That wouldn't connect with me, okay.	00:50:04
11	We can still pick them up, do the thing. As long as	00:50:07
12	you don't burn me, everyone is going to keep telling	00:50:10
13	you. I'm like the saint. Everyone, you know, says	00:50:12
14	comes to me, okay, can he do it.	00:50:17
15	Now, my problem is I have -- this last	00:50:19
16	couple of moves, with Marcia, this guy dying.	00:50:25
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:50:30
18	MR. BHAMBA: This blowing up in my face. I	00:50:31
19	have just shot off, you know, come a little bit --	00:50:33
20	and I lost some money on the Puerto Rico guy, okay.	00:50:37
21	This stupid asshole didn't work for me, but he	00:50:40
22	worked for Deraj, and he got his 26 -- 8 people from	00:50:43

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1	there. They were there for in St. Martin for two	00:50:48
2	months. Two and a half months.	00:50:50
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: The load that you	00:50:53
4	sent to Puerto Rico got caught. Where did it get	00:50:54
5	caught?	00:50:57
6	MR. BHAMBA: He didn't do anything. They	00:50:57
7	were just over here, going from here, point A to	00:50:58
8	point B. He just played around.	00:51:01
9	But now I found out what the exact route is	00:51:04
10	and how it is, okay. That's how I found out Araj	00:51:08
11	(phonetic). Because when these guys reached over	00:51:12
12	there, okay, someone over there --	00:51:16
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: They told you.	00:51:18
14	MR. BHAMBA: -- knew that they guys had	00:51:19
15	gone. He asked me, okay, I got my people into	00:51:20
16	Puerto Rico, can you get them to the States.	00:51:23
17	Okay. I asked my guy, Jay, who owed me	00:51:27
18	the --	00:51:31
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Once they -- once	00:51:31
20	they are in Puerto Rico, they're in the States.	00:51:32
21	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah, but they can't fly to	00:51:34
22	mainland.	00:51:37

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Why?	00:51:38
2	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. When you fly to	00:51:39
3	mainland, they check your ID.	00:51:45
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Because of the ID?	00:51:46
5	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. They don't let you board	00:51:47
6	to mainland. So now you are stuck over there.	00:51:49
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Unless you -- unless	00:51:51
8	you get an ID.	00:51:53
9	MR. BHAMBA: ID. ID, and that, Jay was	00:51:56
10	going to provide the ID. We can set up the -- Jay	00:51:56
11	is not with someone. No one will know. But Jay is	00:51:59
12	doing people from --	00:52:02
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Now, Jay's that other	00:52:04
14	Puerto Rican that you mentioned.	00:52:06
15	MR. BHAMBA: Yes, the Puerto Rican. Jay.	00:52:07
16	And there was Java.	00:52:09
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: But Jay is also here	00:52:12
18	in the DR?	00:52:14
19	MR. BHAMBA: He's -- right now he's saying	00:52:15
20	he's in St. Martin, but if you can track a phone --	00:52:16
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: He lives in DR or he	00:52:19
22	lives in Puerto Rico?	00:52:21

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1	MR. BHAMBA: He lives in DR.	00:52:22
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: In DR?	00:52:23
3	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. But he keeps going	00:52:24
4	around all the places. But he is --	00:52:25
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So what would he	00:52:27
6	want, in order to issue an ID? Just a photo or do	00:52:29
7	they want to see the persons, or what?	00:52:33
8	MR. BHAMBA: No, no, no. He comes and takes	00:52:35
9	the picture himself.	00:52:37
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:52:39
11	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. He comes and takes the	00:52:39
12	picture himself. Let's say I would give him four	00:52:40
13	guys, and I would say, okay, I am going to give you	00:52:43
14	the money, and then he would come and take the	00:52:45
15	pictures. He will issue those IDs, and then once he	00:52:47
16	issues the IDs, he --	00:52:51
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: How much money he	00:52:53
18	charges them?	00:52:53
19	MR. BHAMBA: He charges -- his total bill	00:52:54
20	was 12,000.	00:52:57
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: 12 per ID.	00:52:58
22	MR. BHAMBA: No. For the whole. For	00:53:00

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1	getting them here to Puerto Rico. First he was	00:53:02
2	going to --	00:53:04
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: No, but that's the	00:53:05
4	other one. Is that Jay you are referring to?	00:53:06
5	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah, that's Jay.	00:53:07
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Jay. So Jay will do	00:53:09
7	it all. Jay will get them --	00:53:11
8	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. He even brought an	00:53:12
9	immigration guy from St. Croix. US immigration guy	00:53:13
10	from the island, he came over here and he met me and	00:53:20
11	told me --	00:53:23
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Wait, wait. Let me	00:53:24
13	take that. Let me see if I understand right. Jay	00:53:24
14	came over with a United States immigration officer?	00:53:27
15	MR. BHAMBA: Yes. From St. Croix.	00:53:31
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: From --	00:53:32
17	MR. BHAMBA: I don't know if he was really	00:53:33
18	an immigration officer, but he did show me a badge,	00:53:34
19	you know, that he was immigration.	00:53:38
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. Did he tell	00:53:41
21	you, I'm United States immigration?	00:53:43
22	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:53:46

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So he portrayed to be	00:53:46
2	an --	00:53:48
3	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. And he said, you are	00:53:48
4	going to come to me, and I'm the guy who's going to	00:53:49
5	put you on the plane to -- from -- we were supposed	00:53:53
6	to go to -- from here from Puerto Rico, from here to	00:53:56
7	Puerto Rico. From Puerto Rico we were supposed to	00:54:00
8	go to St. Thomas, St. Croix.	00:54:05
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:54:10
10	MR. BHAMBA: I don't know what route he was	00:54:10
11	going to take us. But we were going to go to two	00:54:12
12	islands on the ferry.	00:54:15
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And he was the	00:54:16
14	officer who was going to receive in Puerto Rico or	00:54:16
15	he was the officer going to (inaudible) --	00:54:18
16	MR. BHAMBA: No, he was going to send	00:54:20
17	someone over to receive us in Puerto Rico, and then	00:54:21
18	take us on a plane, okay. First he was going to	00:54:24
19	take us on a ferry, but then he decided, you know,	00:54:28
20	he can charter a plane, and jumping islands is easy,	00:54:31
21	you don't have to go through immigration, and he	00:54:35
22	will clear us out at some point --	00:54:37

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: But this	00:54:39
2	immigration -- this immigration officer that you are	00:54:39
3	saying came with Jay here in the DR, he said that he	00:54:42
4	was the one who was going to process --	00:54:47
5	MR. BHAMBA: Clear.	00:54:50
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- the aliens in	00:54:51
7	Puerto Rico?	00:54:52
8	MR. BHAMBA: No, not in Puerto Rico. He's	00:54:53
9	going to process the guys in St. Croix.	00:54:55
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: In St. Croix.	00:54:58
11	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. It is his family over	00:54:59
12	there, or something, Jay's family, and he was	00:55:01
13	related. Basically, Jay's from the island or	00:55:03
14	something.	00:55:06
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So he -- do you	00:55:08
16	recognize the -- can you describe the individual?	00:55:09
17	MR. BHAMBA: He was African-American,	00:55:15
18	African, you know. But he didn't look -- he looked	00:55:17
19	more like, you know, feature wise, he looked like a	00:55:20
20	Bahamian or island guy.	00:55:25
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So he spoke to you in	00:55:26
22	Spanish or in English?	00:55:27

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1	MR. BHAMBA: English.	00:55:29
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: In English.	00:55:29
3	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. He didn't know any	00:55:30
4	Spanish.	00:55:31
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: He didn't know	00:55:32
6	Spanish.	00:55:32
7	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. He didn't know Spanish.	00:55:33
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: All right. And he	00:55:34
9	wasn't in uniform or anything, so he showed you --	00:55:35
10	MR. BHAMBA: No, no.	00:55:38
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- a badge, so, I	00:55:39
12	mean (inaudible) --	00:55:39
13	MR. BHAMBA: I don't know if it was real,	00:55:40
14	but, you know, from the looks of it, and the part	00:55:42
15	and, you know, he knew all about (inaudible) flights	00:55:44
16	and all. Because, you know, you have been in this	00:55:46
17	business for so long you know --	00:55:50
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: You can tell that	00:55:51
19	he --	00:55:52
20	MR. BHAMBA: He's a bullshitter or -- if he	00:55:52
21	was not in immigration, at least he was working for	00:55:54
22	the flight industry.	00:55:58

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: He had knowledge.	00:55:59
2	MR. BHAMBA: Something.	00:56:01
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: He had knowledge.	00:56:01
4	MR. BHAMBA: He had knowledge about flights	00:56:02
5	and all. And he said only you can go on certain	00:56:04
6	flights. He would agree to send me to Raleigh or	00:56:08
7	Miami. Only two places.	00:56:13
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:56:15
9	MR. BHAMBA: So that means he had a setting	00:56:15
10	with some airline that was going only to these two	00:56:17
11	places. He wouldn't put them on any other airline.	00:56:21
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:56:25
13	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. He told me that these	00:56:25
14	were real. That's what Jay told me. And Jay said	00:56:27
15	he brought them over from there. We waited 10, 15,	00:56:32
16	20 days for these stupid IDs to come, which I	00:56:37
17	thought were fake. There was a good job done, but	00:56:41
18	it looked to me, fake. But now I know, I have been	00:56:45
19	in the states, I know that if you have someone in	00:56:50
20	the DMV or anything, you know, you can get that like	00:56:54
21	that Filipino guy, he gets all those documents. But	00:57:00
22	his -- his working is entirely different. He gets	00:57:07

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1       them -- he wants to make them all those documents,       00:57:11  
2       and then he wants them to come to Jamaica. From       00:57:13  
3       Jamaica he wants them to take the flight up there,       00:57:16  
4       and then take the flight from Freeport.       00:57:18

5               But there is a contact being going from big       00:57:23  
6       time, because there are a lot of Jamaicans who are       00:57:26  
7       into drugs, who have been deported for drugs, are       00:57:29  
8       hot. They are going through that channel that I       00:57:32  
9       told you. They have some legal access to some       00:57:35  
10       documents. I don't know how they get the US       00:57:38  
11       passport, but they fly out from Freeport on a US       00:57:41  
12       passport. Because there's no -- not that much       00:57:45  
13       checking over there. I don't know how they avoid       00:57:48  
14       the -- maybe citizens are not supposed to be taking       00:57:51  
15       airplanes to there --       00:57:54

16               SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: We'll find out. What       00:57:55  
17       we are going to do, we are going to stop --       00:57:56

18               MR. BHAMBA: Because I never understood       00:57:57  
19       that, how do they go.       00:57:59

20               SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Mr. Bhamba, we are       00:58:00  
21       going to stop the interview right now, and we are       00:58:01  
22       going to continue the interview tomorrow. And we       00:58:04

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1 are going to go over your computer, also, as well 00:58:09  
2 tomorrow. And that way, you know, we have a lot of 00:58:11  
3 information and we -- I have to, you know, process 00:58:13  
4 it, and I have to organize it, and I may have some 00:58:17  
5 more following up questions on some of the 00:58:20  
6 information that you are giving me. But we are 00:58:23  
7 going to get it done by tomorrow. And everything's 00:58:25  
8 going to be good, all right? 00:58:28

9 So it is 4:30, and I am going to stop 00:58:30  
10 recording. 00:58:35

11 (Short pause in the audio recording, at  
12 time stamp 3:05.)

13 SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. Today is 00:00:00  
14 May 7, 2015. Time is 12:30 p.m. And we're 00:00:01  
15 conducting an interview of Yadvinder Bhamba, day 00:00:08  
16 number 2, in the Dominican Republic. 00:00:12

17 MR. BHAMBA: Okay. Afrik's son is doing the 00:00:15  
18 work now. Afrik is not. He's still active, because 00:00:17  
19 he's got a couple of problems, heart, he's got, you 00:00:22  
20 know, an abscess or something, you know, what you 00:00:29  
21 call, boils or something. He's in bad shape. But 00:00:37  
22 he's still manages to, you know, vouch for his son. 00:00:40

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1	But his son is actively doing it.	00:00:43
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:00:48
3	MR. BHAMBA: And there is Gupta. Then	00:00:49
4	there's Tarun.	00:00:50
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. Gupta, is this	00:00:52
6	spelling correct here?	00:00:54
7	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. Irwin Kumar Gupta. And	00:00:55
8	there's Tarun, T-a-r-u-n. Tarun Kumar.	00:00:58
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: T-a-r --	00:01:02
10	MR. BHAMBA: Tarun Kumar. T-a-r-u-n. Tarun	00:01:03
11	Kumar.	00:01:08
12	Okay. Then there's -- K-u-m-a-r.	00:01:10
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. So Tarun	00:01:14
14	Kumar. Is he an Indian national?	00:01:15
15	MR. BHAMBA: Yes, he's (inaudible). Never	00:01:17
16	been -- he's been out maybe to Bangkok, and Bolivia	00:01:20
17	and all. And now he's in big time (inaudible). And	00:01:23
18	he's a guy who manages to put them onboard on KLM,	00:01:28
19	Ethiopian, Emirates, China Airlines.	00:01:33
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So he's a manager	00:01:36
21	where?	00:01:39
22	MR. BHAMBA: Huh?	00:01:39

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: He works for the	00:01:40
2	airline or something like that?	00:01:41
3	MR. BHAMBA: No, no, he's a travel agent.	00:01:42
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Travel agent.	00:01:44
5	MR. BHAMBA: Right. And he -- I have his	00:01:45
6	e-mail, and if you can access, break into his	00:01:46
7	e-mail, you can find out how many tickets. He's	00:01:48
8	also responsible for putting a lot of --	00:01:52
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And you have those	00:01:54
10	e-mails there?	00:01:55
11	MR. BHAMBA: Oh, yeah.	00:01:56
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. So he's a	00:01:56
13	travel agent.	00:01:57
14	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:01:58
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Do you know the	00:01:59
16	travel agency name, by chance?	00:01:59
17	MR. BHAMBA: It is -- it is in my e-mail	00:02:02
18	over there.	00:02:03
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: It is in your e-mail.	00:02:04
20	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:02:05
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So we will get to	00:02:05
22	that later on.	00:02:06

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1	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:02:08
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Anybody else in	00:02:08
3	India?	00:02:10
4	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. Then there's Gogie.	00:02:10
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: How do you spell	00:02:12
6	that?	00:02:14
7	MR. BHAMBA: G-o-i- -- okay. Some of them,	00:02:15
8	I only know the nicknames.	00:02:16
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. That's not a	00:02:18
10	problem.	00:02:19
11	MR. BHAMBA: He's big time, Gogie. I have	00:02:20
12	the phone number. G-o-g-i-e.	00:02:21
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Like that?	00:02:23
14	MR. BHAMBA: Gogie, yeah. And he has his	00:02:27
15	kids, one or two kids, and they are studying in USA.	00:02:28
16	And he does this, okay.	00:02:31
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Now, is he -- what --	00:02:37
18	what level? Is he high up, is he starting in the	00:02:40
19	middle?	00:02:43
20	MR. BHAMBA: He is high. He is high.	00:02:43
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: He is high up.	00:02:44
22	MR. BHAMBA: He's high. But he's less than	00:02:45

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1	Paul. Tarun and Paul are basically at comparative	00:02:47
2	levels.	00:02:50
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Let me ask you	00:02:51
4	something. This guy Gogie here, do you have a	00:02:52
5	contact information for him?	00:02:54
6	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:02:56
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: What do you have?	00:02:57
8	MR. BHAMBA: I have his phone number,	00:02:58
9	e-mail, Skype.	00:03:00
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. So you have	00:03:00
11	e-mail.	00:03:05
12	MR. BHAMBA: Skype, WhatsApp. And phone	00:03:06
13	number.	00:03:10
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. All right.	00:03:12
15	Let's go on to the United Arab Emirates.	00:03:16
16	MR. BHAMBA: Emirates. Over there, what	00:03:23
17	they have is, I don't have the number because they	00:03:24
18	arrange for things. It is arranged by Tarun, or	00:03:28
19	there's another guy, he's also travel agent, big	00:03:32
20	time he does this. He's made millions. His name is	00:03:35
21	Yogish (phonetic). And then there is Raj, Raj and	00:03:40
22	Kumar, they are tied up together.	00:03:43

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1	Okay. Then there are small time workers	00:03:46
2	like Pauly and that's Paul, that's Pauly.	00:03:49
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Have you ever dealt	00:03:53
4	with the people in the UAE.	00:03:57
5	MR. BHAMBA: UAE, no, I haven't, but I have	00:03:59
6	seen them get -- when they come over here, to me, I	00:04:02
7	have seen them in Curacao. Curacao, I've them work	00:04:05
8	from the papers and all that. And I know, if you	00:04:10
9	want --	00:04:13
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So they would	00:04:14
11	travel --	00:04:15
12	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah, they would travel over	00:04:16
13	there, stay for three, four days, 15 days a month,	00:04:17
14	okay. And they would get a work permit or something	00:04:20
15	from there.	00:04:23
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So we're going to	00:04:24
17	call -- we're going to people that work, we're going	00:04:24
18	to call them smugglers. So there are smugglers from	00:04:26
19	UAE that would come and see you here?	00:04:28
20	MR. BHAMBA: No, no, no.	00:04:30
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Or are they	00:04:30
22	smuggles?	00:04:31

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1	MR. BHAMBA: No, they're smugglers.	00:04:32
2	Smugglers would see me that have the UAE papers.	00:04:32
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:04:36
4	MR. BHAMBA: And they would tell me, okay,	00:04:36
5	they were received over there, there was some Indian	00:04:38
6	over there, then he knew someone else over there,	00:04:41
7	and he got them the papers. And those papers are	00:04:44
8	legit papers, work papers.	00:04:46
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. But you have	00:04:47
10	never seen the --	00:04:49
11	MR. BHAMBA: I have never --	00:04:50
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- people face to	00:04:51
13	face?	00:04:52
14	MR. BHAMBA: Face to face, I've never. I --	00:04:52
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Have you talked to	00:04:53
16	them --	00:04:54
17	MR. BHAMBA: I have crossed through them.	00:04:55
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Have you talked to	00:04:56
19	them over the phone?	00:04:57
20	MR. BHAMBA: No, they won't let me talk to	00:04:58
21	them because that is the secret, you know.	00:04:59
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Exactly.	00:05:01

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1	MR. BHAMBA: Okay.	00:05:03
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. So it is fair	00:05:03
3	to say you know there's people there, but you don't	00:05:05
4	know who they are?	00:05:08
5	MR. BHAMBA: No. I don't know.	00:05:09
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. What about	00:05:11
7	Singapore?	00:05:13
8	MR. BHAMBA: Singapore, it is a no-no.	00:05:13
9	There's one or two people coming over there that's	00:05:17
10	for locals over there.	00:05:20
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: You have not met	00:05:21
12	anybody face to face there or any government	00:05:22
13	officials?	00:05:25
14	MR. BHAMBA: From Singapore, no.	00:05:25
15	Brazil, yes. Brazil, they have --	00:05:27
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Have you seen them	00:05:29
17	face to face? When you say they have --	00:05:32
18	MR. BHAMBA: No, no.	00:05:33
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: You never --	00:05:33
20	MR. BHAMBA: No. I have talked to them, I	00:05:34
21	have done business with them, given them people,	00:05:36
22	their people have come through me, okay. There's a	00:05:38

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1	guy named Ali.	00:05:41
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Ali.	00:05:44
3	MR. BHAMBA: Ali. I have --	00:05:45
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Is that a nickname or	00:05:46
5	is that --	00:05:48
6	MR. BHAMBA: It's a nickname. And his	00:05:49
7	e-mail, his Skype ID is Ali Hassan (phonetic).	00:05:52
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And you have that	00:05:55
9	e-mail there?	00:05:57
10	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah, I have, in the phone.	00:05:59
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: In the phone.	00:06:01
12	MR. BHAMBA: His Skype ID.	00:06:03
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Skype ID.	00:06:04
14	MR. BHAMBA: I have his phone, also.	00:06:05
15	And then there is Daniel.	00:06:08
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Still in Brazil,	00:06:12
17	right?	00:06:14
18	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah, they there are Brazil.	00:06:16
19	And then there's Gary. And they are recently --	00:06:16
20	they were doing small time, couple of months ago,	00:06:21
21	but in the recent one year, they've hit the jackpot.	00:06:26
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: What do you mean by	00:06:30

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1	that?	00:06:31
2	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. The jackpot, what	00:06:31
3	happened is, Cuba opened up. There's --	00:06:32
4	(Short pause/interruption in audio	
5	recording, at time stamp 3:12.)	
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So you --	00:00:00
7	MR. BHAMBA: As soon as I was deported, I	00:00:01
8	entered the United States within a week.	00:00:03
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Within a week of	00:00:05
10	being deported you came back?	00:00:06
11	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:00:09
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. And that was	00:00:09
13	in year 2000.	00:00:11
14	MR. BHAMBA: 2000, yeah.	00:00:14
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. And you had	00:00:16
16	indicated before the name you used was Rajinder --	00:00:19
17	MR. BHAMBA: Rajinder Kumar.	00:00:22
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Rajinder Kumar.	00:00:23
19	Do you remember the date of birth that you	00:00:25
20	used?	00:00:29
21	MR. BHAMBA: I think it was September,	00:00:30
22	September 1. 1st September 1959. I have a driver's	00:00:35

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1	license under that name, and I even got married to	00:00:47
2	Barbara Isadene Hiat.	00:00:51
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: In Ohio?	00:00:53
4	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. In Columbus.	00:00:54
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Under (inaudible).	00:00:57
6	MR. BHAMBA: On that day.	00:00:59
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. So where do	00:01:00
8	you say that passport was now? The one --	00:01:01
9	MR. BHAMBA: It is with Hiat. It is my	00:01:03
10	revolver, the money, and some gold jewelry, it is	00:01:06
11	with her.	00:01:12
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: With her.	00:01:12
13	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. She said she gave it to	00:01:13
14	a lawyer, and she just -- basically, she cleaned out	00:01:15
15	my whole house, furniture, everything, something	00:01:19
16	about 30, 40 thousand --	00:01:22
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: When did -- when did	00:01:23
18	she tell you she had that -- back then, what year	00:01:24
19	was it?	00:01:27
20	MR. BHAMBA: It was 2006.	00:01:27
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: In 2006. You don't	00:01:29
22	know if she still has that -- those documents?	00:01:30

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1	MR. BHAMBA: She won't let go of the gun, I	00:01:33
2	am sure.	00:01:35
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Do you have contact	00:01:35
4	with her?	00:01:36
5	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:01:37
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: You have contact with	00:01:37
7	her?	00:01:38
8	MR. BHAMBA: Huh?	00:01:38
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Are you in contact	00:01:38
10	with her?	00:01:39
11	MR. BHAMBA: No, no, no. I didn't touch --	00:01:40
12	even speak to the lady, she don't know where I am, I	00:01:41
13	don't know if they would any way know. I was just	00:01:44
14	afraid that, you know, this was one of the terrorist	00:01:47
15	networks and that they were trying to recruit me,	00:01:50
16	and I just wanted to get my heck out of dodge. So I	00:01:53
17	just literally ran away, one day I was here,	00:01:57
18	everyone knew I was here, the next day I just	00:02:00
19	vanished. (Inaudible).	00:02:03
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So you illegal	00:02:04
21	re-entered the United States, in the year 2000, it	00:02:05
22	was roughly a week after you were removed.	00:02:08

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1	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. And I stayed in the	00:02:13
2	United States, I stayed in Columbus until 2006. I	00:02:20
3	stayed one year in New York. One year in New York.	00:02:24
4	Six months in New York, and six months in -- six	00:02:27
5	months in New York.	00:02:33
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Six months in New	00:02:35
7	York.	00:02:36
8	MR. BHAMBA: And then in New Jersey, six	00:02:36
9	months.	00:02:39
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:02:40
11	MR. BHAMBA: And then I came to Columbus,	00:02:40
12	Ohio.	00:02:42
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:02:44
14	MR. BHAMBA: And I stayed in Columbus until	00:02:45
15	2006. And then I moved to Rocky Mountain, West --	00:02:46
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Colorado?	00:02:51
17	MR. BHAMBA: Rocky Mountain, West Virginia.	00:02:53
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Oh, Rocky Mountain,	00:02:54
19	what?	00:02:55
20	MR. BHAMBA: Rocky Mountain, North Carolina.	00:02:55
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: North Carolina.	00:02:57
22	MR. BHAMBA: Yes. Rocky Mountain, North	00:02:58

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1	Carolina.	00:02:59
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: When did you move to	00:03:00
3	(inaudible)?	
4	MR. BHAMBA: 2006. When I vanished from	00:03:02
5	here, I left everything, my vehicles, my house, my	00:03:03
6	everything. The house is under my wife's name. I	00:03:06
7	couldn't do anything about it. I left all that.	00:03:09
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: In 2000 you went to	00:03:11
9	New York City -- to New York City, and then in New	00:03:12
10	York City, you must have moved in 2001.	00:03:16
11	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:03:18
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: To Ohio.	00:03:19
13	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. After -- when World	00:03:21
14	Trade Center, after my son was born.	00:03:22
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:03:24
16	MR. BHAMBA: My son was about one or two	00:03:24
17	months old when we moved.	00:03:25
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: In 2006 you moved to	00:03:27
19	North Carolina.	00:03:29
20	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:03:30
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And you lived to	00:03:30
22	when?	00:03:32

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1	MR. BHAMBA: Until I lived over here, there	00:03:33
2	until 2008. First in Rocky Mountain, and then in	00:03:34
3	Wilson, Ohio -- Wilson, North Carolina, Rocky	00:03:38
4	Mountain, and then Wilson, North Carolina.	00:03:41
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:03:45
6	MR. BHAMBA: And then from there I moved	00:03:45
7	to -- in 2008, I moved to -- 2008, I moved to San	00:03:48
8	Francisco. (Inaudible). San Francisco.	00:03:54
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: San Francisco?	00:04:00
10	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:04:03
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:04:03
12	MR. BHAMBA: And then I moved to -- there	00:04:04
13	was another place, that's a small, you know, island	00:04:07
14	over there, you know. Then my son studied, and I	00:04:14
15	was a hotel manager for -- that is also in San	00:04:19
16	Francisco, basically. I remained over there until	00:04:23
17	2012. And 2012, I crossed the border over to	00:04:26
18	Canada.	00:04:29
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh. To Canada.	00:04:30
20	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. I had no fence, no	00:04:34
21	nothing, (inaudible).	00:04:36
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Now, in -- you	00:04:38

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1	entered illegally --	00:04:39
2	MR. BHAMBA: Uh-huh.	00:04:41
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- in 2000.	00:04:41
4	MR. BHAMBA: Uh-huh.	00:04:45
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Where -- what do you	00:04:47
6	do in the country to support yourself?	00:04:47
7	MR. BHAMBA: To support myself I worked at a	00:04:49
8	gas station, and then when I went to Ohio, I worked	00:04:52
9	at a hotel, and then from there, I worked as a	00:05:01
10	courier --	00:05:04
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: What was the hotel's	00:05:05
12	name.	00:05:06
13	MR. BHAMBA: Hotel's name was Days Inn.	00:05:06
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Days Inn.	00:05:07
15	MR. BHAMBA: Yes.	00:05:09
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And what did you do	00:05:10
17	there?	00:05:11
18	MR. BHAMBA: I was a shift manager.	00:05:11
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:05:13
20	MR. BHAMBA: And then I worked at Country	00:05:14
21	Inn and Suites.	00:05:15
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: In Ohio?	00:05:17

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1	MR. BHAMBA: Ohio, same place. Two	00:05:17
2	different jobs at the time. And then I started	00:05:21
3	working in Prestige --	00:05:23
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:05:25
5	MR. BHAMBA: -- Courier Company. And I	00:05:25
6	stayed until 2006.	00:05:28
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. How about in	00:05:29
8	North Carolina?	00:05:33
9	MR. BHAMBA: North Carolina, I still worked	00:05:34
10	at Ramada Inn. Ramada Inn.	00:05:38
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:05:43
12	MR. BHAMBA: And then I worked in	00:05:43
13	Econolodge. Then I had my own Indian restaurant.	00:05:44
14	That was Ruby's Bar and Grill.	00:05:49
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Ruby's?	00:05:51
16	MR. BHAMBA: Bar and Grill, in Wilson.	00:05:52
17	And then from there, I just left and came to	00:05:55
18	San Francisco. San Francisco, I worked at a courier	00:05:59
19	company, but my license had expired. So then I went	00:06:02
20	to work in -- it was small -- somewhere in this	00:06:05
21	side, near -- it was on the way to Stockton. Okay,	00:06:15
22	I forgot the name. I can't place it. It is like a	00:06:20

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1	brain fart, you know.	00:06:23
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: That's fine, that's	00:06:23
3	fine.	00:06:24
4	MR. BHAMBA: But it was a small place, you	00:06:25
5	know. And I worked over there at a hotel for two	00:06:27
6	years.	00:06:35
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Until 2012.	00:06:36
8	MR. BHAMBA: Until 2010. Then I started	00:06:38
9	working at a gas station in Hayward.	00:06:40
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:06:50
11	MR. BHAMBA: As a manager there.	00:06:51
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Now, the -- in 2012	00:06:54
13	you indicated that you went to Canada, right?	00:06:55
14	MR. BHAMBA: Canada, yeah.	00:06:57
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Why did you go to	00:06:59
16	Canada? Why?	00:06:59
17	MR. BHAMBA: I was, you know, I just got	00:07:00
18	sort of, you know, my son was asking me, where's my	00:07:04
19	mom and all. He had grown a little bit older, you	00:07:10
20	know, and I fell in love with this lady this one	00:07:14
21	summer, you know, while we were in communications.	00:07:17
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: (Inaudible).	

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1	MR. BHAMBA: By, you know, e-mail and all	00:07:20
2	that --	00:07:23
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:07:24
4	MR. BHAMBA: -- and phone. And she was	00:07:24
5	getting divorced. And I decided, okay, if I get	00:07:26
6	married over there, I will get my papers. But it	00:07:29
7	didn't pan out that way. You know, when I reached	00:07:32
8	over there she had not divorced him. It was pending	00:07:35
9	a couple of months. And I couldn't -- I didn't want	00:07:38
10	to go to, you know, go and get political asylum,	00:07:42
11	because I thought that would take a whole bunch of	00:07:48
12	time.	00:07:51
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:07:51
14	MR. BHAMBA: No, if I had known I would get	00:07:51
15	into all this trouble, I would have done it, ago,	00:07:53
16	but hindsight 20/20, I fucked up again, thinking	00:07:56
17	that (inaudible). (Inaudible) I messed up my son's	00:07:58
18	life and the whole thing here.	00:08:04
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Yes. So for that --	00:08:07
20	MR. BHAMBA: He didn't deserve this, you	00:08:09
21	know. I could have just stayed in the States, and,	00:08:12
22	you know, and under the new plan, I would have	00:08:14

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1	gotten my papers. I was there with a legally born	00:08:17
2	son, and I wouldn't have any problems. I would not	00:08:23
3	have committed any crimes since then, you know, it	00:08:25
4	had passed ten years so I could have gotten	00:08:28
5	everything. But it's just that I jumped the gun.	00:08:31
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:08:35
7	MR. BHAMBA: And then my bad luck started.	00:08:35
8	You know, I went to India to get my passport. Then	00:08:37
9	I got into these people, Paul -- first I got into	00:08:39
10	Tarun, first I got into what's her name, Vervese	00:08:42
11	(phonetic). Then I got into Tarun. Then from Tarun	00:08:51
12	I jumped -- you know, I got sold off to Paul, and --	00:08:54
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So ever since you	00:09:00
14	left -- I mean, you re-entered United States, lived	00:09:00
15	until --	00:09:04
16	MR. BHAMBA: That's all I knew. I didn't	00:09:05
17	know -- I didn't have ties to India. All my life	00:09:07
18	I've just been in the States.	00:09:09
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. So 2012, you	00:09:11
20	decided to go to Canada.	00:09:12
21	MR. BHAMBA: Canada.	00:09:14
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: After Canada, where	00:09:15

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1	did you go?	00:09:16
2	MR. BHAMBA: I went -- I came back to Delhi,	00:09:17
3	and somewhere in -- made -- in the end of --	00:09:21
4	starting mid-2013, I came to Delhi.	00:09:27
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: 2013?	
6	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:09:37
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And then what then?	00:09:38
8	MR. BHAMBA: Then I -- once I came and got	00:09:41
9	my passport, I couldn't get my passport, I didn't	00:09:43
10	have money.	00:09:45
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So when you went --	00:09:46
12	let me get this straight. When you went to Canada	00:09:47
13	in 2012, you went there with your son?	00:09:50
14	MR. BHAMBA: No, I went alone.	00:09:53
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Alone.	00:09:54
16	MR. BHAMBA: And my son was brought by my	00:09:54
17	wife.	00:10:00
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: The one that's	00:10:01
19	deceased -- the one that died, right?	00:10:03
20	MR. BHAMBA: No, no. She died in 2005.	00:10:05
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: In 2005.	00:10:07
22	MR. BHAMBA: Yes. I was brought -- she	00:10:07

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1	was --	00:10:11
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: (Inaudible).	
3	MR. BHAMBA: (Inaudible).	
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay, good.	00:10:11
5	Okay. So you went to Canada, and then when	00:10:17
6	you decided to go to Delhi --	00:10:19
7	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:10:21
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- what about your	00:10:21
9	son? You son stayed with them?	00:10:22
10	MR. BHAMBA: He was studying over there.	00:10:23
11	And my son had to move to India because someone	00:10:25
12	threatened him, when I got stuck in Amsterdam, got	00:10:28
13	arrested. One of the boys who was coming, he was --	00:10:34
14	his brother threatened to kidnap my son and all	00:10:37
15	that. And I was over there being interviewed by the	00:10:43
16	Dutch authorities, and the phone came right there,	00:10:46
17	and he said he's going to kill them, and you know.	00:10:50
18	And they contacted the Canadian, and they	00:10:53
19	said that there's person who's going to get	00:10:58
20	kidnapped and all. The Canadians contacted the US.	00:11:00
21	So then the Canadian that was on Miss Juliano or	00:11:04
22	something like that, she was from the Canadian, you	00:11:11

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1 know, general services. She started going over 00:11:14  
2 there. She insisted that he -- he cannot stay over 00:11:17  
3 here, he doesn't have legal papers. Either he has 00:11:22  
4 to get legalized, or either he can go to India with 00:11:25  
5 his father, or he can go to Canada -- USA. But he 00:11:28  
6 can't stay here. 00:11:32

7 And the school fees for him was very 00:11:35  
8 exorbitant. I was paying, six, 700 dollars per 00:11:37  
9 month. And my ex-wife -- my wife's -- my 00:11:42  
10 stepchildren, they were not too happy with it. So, 00:11:47  
11 and, plus, this threat, that's when she found out 00:11:52  
12 that I'm into this business. And then she came to 00:11:55  
13 India, and she really married and me and said, come, 00:11:58  
14 let's get out. But by then point my passport was 00:12:02  
15 confiscated, and I was -- I had become a bitch for 00:12:04  
16 all these idiots. 00:12:09

17 This -- the reason why I am doing this is 00:12:13  
18 all because I know these guys are serious. Okay. 00:12:15  
19 They set me up, got my passport confiscated. I 00:12:19  
20 didn't need a visa. 00:12:23

21 SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh. 00:12:25

22 MR. BHAMBA: Okay, they put a fake visa on 00:12:25

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1	my passport because they didn't want me getting out.	00:12:26
2	They wanted to control me. So now I don't have a	00:12:29
3	real passport in my name, I have a criminal record	00:12:32
4	in India. They can pull my chain any time they	00:12:37
5	want.	00:12:40
6	And to make matters worse, I put my son in	00:12:41
7	the fucking way. What a stupid idiot I am.	00:12:43
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:12:48
9	MR. BHAMBA: So now, virtually, he controls	00:12:48
10	me. He can cross me out. He can kick my butt and I	00:12:50
11	have to do whatever he fucking says.	00:12:53
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh. I	00:13:01
13	understand.	00:13:02
14	MR. BHAMBA: And to make matters worse, I	00:13:03
15	put him as a guardian, this guy, his bodyguard, and	00:13:04
16	Paul, is a guardian for my son. I thought these	00:13:09
17	guys were all right. I didn't know when I came over	00:13:14
18	here that what --	00:13:19
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So ever since you got	00:13:25
20	to -- I mean, you went back over there. Ever since	00:13:26
21	you got to India, you then --	00:13:28
22	MR. BHAMBA: They --	00:13:30

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: They have you, you've	00:13:30
2	been working for them.	00:13:31
3	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. They have me. I've been	00:13:32
4	working for them. They don't pay me, it is all in	00:13:34
5	paper. Oh, we paid you that, we paid you that.	00:13:37
6	That loss came, that loss is yours.	00:13:39
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Stand by one second,	00:13:42
8	sir.	00:13:45
9	(Short pause in the audio recording.)	
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. Let's	00:00:00
11	continue.	00:00:02
12	MR. BHAMBA: See, it is very systematic. I	00:00:04
13	didn't see through that. Now that I had the time --	00:00:06
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:00:11
15	MR. BHAMBA: -- I really realized, they're	00:00:11
16	not joking.	00:00:12
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Yes.	00:00:18
18	MR. BHAMBA: I thought it was my bad luck.	00:00:20
19	No, it is not my bad luck. They got my passports.	00:00:21
20	Now I'm not free. So even if I go to the US, I	00:00:25
21	still have a pending charge over there. I can't rat	00:00:30
22	against them, I can't do anything. They have got me	00:00:33

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1	by the balls, okay. They know the place. If I get	00:00:40
2	arrested in Delhi, they can easily be some criminals	00:00:43
3	inside and have me knocked off in jail.	00:00:47
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:00:53
5	MR. BHAMBA: So I -- the only choice I have	00:00:53
6	is to do the bidding, if they tell me to go to	00:00:55
7	Guyana, I would have to go there.	00:00:57
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: I have to pause the	00:00:59
9	recording for one second.	00:01:00
10	(Short pause in the audio recording.)	
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. We are	00:00:00
12	continuing the interview.	00:00:01
13	Well, you said you re-entered in 2000, one	00:00:04
14	week after you were deported. You utilized the name	00:00:07
15	of Rajinder Kumar to come in. You stated before	00:00:11
16	that you came in with a fraudulent passport, and --	00:00:15
17	MR. BHAMBA: (Inaudible).	
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- and a good visa.	00:00:19
19	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:00:21
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: It was a passport	00:00:21
21	that it was a valid passport obtained by fraud.	00:00:22
22	MR. BHAMBA: Fraud, yeah.	00:00:25

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. Under -- it	00:00:26
2	was -- I mean, it was obtained under a different	00:00:27
3	identity.	00:00:30
4	MR. BHAMBA: Yes.	00:00:30
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: A false name.	00:00:31
6	MR. BHAMBA: Uh-huh.	00:00:32
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So you obtained a US	00:00:32
8	visa, you went -- you went before an immigration	00:00:33
9	official or -- I should say --	00:00:36
10	MR. BHAMBA: Investigator.	00:00:37
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- a Department of	00:00:39
12	State --	00:00:40
13	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:00:40
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- official at the US	00:00:41
15	embassy, where?	00:00:42
16	MR. BHAMBA: I got US, in Delhi.	00:00:43
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Delhi.	00:00:45
18	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:00:46
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So you went there,	00:00:46
20	and you applied for the US visa.	00:00:47
21	MR. BHAMBA: And I got it.	00:00:48
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So you must have	00:00:49

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1	filled out an application?	00:00:50
2	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:00:53
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: (Inaudible).	
4	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:00:53
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So do you lie on that	00:00:54
6	application?	00:00:55
7	MR. BHAMBA: Yes.	00:00:56
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. Now, you	00:00:56
9	obtained a visa. You utilized that visa to come	00:00:57
10	into the United States?	00:01:01
11	MR. BHAMBA: Yes. I came many times.	00:01:02
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Do you remember the	00:01:03
13	port of entry?	00:01:04
14	MR. BHAMBA: I think it was --	00:01:06
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Was it Miami? Was it	00:01:07
16	New York?	00:01:08
17	MR. BHAMBA: New York.	00:01:08
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: It was New York?	00:01:09
19	MR. BHAMBA: New York, yeah.	00:01:10
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Was it JFK or	00:01:11
21	LaGuardia?	00:01:12
22	MR. BHAMBA: I think JFK.	00:01:13

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: JFK.	00:02:01
2	So JFK. And do you know how much time you	00:01:17
3	were given?	00:01:20
4	MR. BHAMBA: I think I was given six months.	00:01:21
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: The standard? I	00:01:24
6	guess they always --	00:01:24
7	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:01:25
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So you entered as a	00:01:25
9	visitor for pleasure?	00:01:27
10	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:01:32
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Do you understand	00:01:33
12	that it is illegal to do so? I have to ask you	00:01:34
13	these questions.	00:01:37
14	MR. BHAMBA: Yes.	00:01:38
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Do you understand	00:01:38
16	that?	00:01:39
17	MR. BHAMBA: Yes.	00:01:40
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. Now, do you	00:01:42
19	remember the date of entry, by any chance?	00:01:43
20	MR. BHAMBA: The first time I used the visa?	00:01:48
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: The first time.	00:01:50
22	MR. BHAMBA: The first time would be	00:01:51

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1	before -- it would be in '98.	00:01:54
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: In 9 --	00:01:56
3	MR. BHAMBA: I don't remember the exact	00:02:01
4	month, but in '98, when I was given a one-year visa.	00:02:04
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So you had a visa	00:02:08
6	before?	00:02:09
7	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. One year, a visa, and	00:02:10
8	then I got a ten year visa.	00:02:12
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. So you had --	00:02:14
10	so you had a US visa before you were arrested?	00:02:15
11	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:02:21
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. So now, so you	00:02:21
13	must have had a break in -- so you were living here	00:02:25
14	illegally, so you must have -- when do you go back	00:02:28
15	to Delhi to get that visa?	00:02:31
16	MR. BHAMBA: No, no. When I was living over	00:02:33
17	here -- that was all afterwards. That was in '98.	00:02:34
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:02:39
19	MR. BHAMBA: So that was before my arrest.	00:02:39
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:02:42
21	MR. BHAMBA: And I used this passport to	00:02:42
22	come over here, and that is it.	00:02:44

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. So, okay.	00:02:46
2	So when do you get that visa, more or less?	00:02:51
3	MR. BHAMBA: '98, I think.	00:02:56
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: '98. Before you got	00:02:59
5	arrested?	00:03:00
6	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:03:05
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:03:07
8	MR. BHAMBA: Now, would I have to do time	00:03:07
9	for all that?	00:03:08
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: No, but these are	00:03:11
11	facts. I mean, I cannot tell you yes or no. It is	00:03:12
12	just basically these are facts that -- these are	00:03:14
13	questions that I am going to have to answer the	00:03:16
14	attorney on the case, okay. Whether they decide to	00:03:18
15	press charges on you, that's different.	00:03:21
16	Listen, we have a bigger case, here. And as	00:03:23
17	I explained to you --	00:03:26
18	MR. BHAMBA: See, I don't want to lie,	00:03:27
19	because --	00:03:28
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: No.	00:03:28
21	MR. BHAMBA: -- eventually you are going to	00:03:29
22	find out.	00:03:29

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: No, no.	00:03:30
2	MR. BHAMBA: And then what trust -- yeah.	00:03:30
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: You got to realize --	00:03:32
4	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. What trust do I have if	00:03:32
5	you can't trust me? I'm going to trust you with my	00:03:34
6	life, if I'm going to do something. And, you know,	00:03:36
7	if I'm going to lie to you here, it comes out	00:03:39
8	tomorrow.	00:03:41
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: I want to you -- I'm	00:03:42
10	going to tell you this much, Mr. Bhamba, so you an	00:03:43
11	feel more -- I know who you are, who you were, even	00:03:47
12	before we met, okay.	00:03:50
13	MR. BHAMBA: Okay.	00:03:52
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. That's -- I	00:03:53
15	want to tell you that, okay. There's a lot of	00:03:55
16	things that I already know that I have corroborated.	00:03:57
17	So I can tell you that I -- I believe in what you	00:04:02
18	are saying, okay, I have the trust for you and	00:04:08
19	respect for you for coming forward, okay. There's a	00:04:11
20	lot of things here that I have corroborated.	00:04:14
21	There's a lot of things that I have learned --	00:04:16
22	MR. BHAMBA: Okay.	00:04:18

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- that I didn't know	00:04:18
2	before.	00:04:19
3	MR. BHAMBA: Something also in Haiti, there	00:04:19
4	is one Jack, he's an immigration officer, there's	00:04:21
5	one that's Shaggy, he's an immigration officer. He	00:04:24
6	gets the people out for me over there, okay, and for	00:04:28
7	the other guys. There's another guy named Happy El	00:04:31
8	Suni (phonetic). They also do some dirty work, if I	00:04:34
9	have to get it done.	00:04:37
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Sure.	00:04:38
11	And we are going to get to that, too, when	00:04:39
12	we have an opportunity with that --	00:04:40
13	MR. BHAMBA: And then DR, over here, there's	00:04:42
14	Jay. And then there's Javier, okay. I have his	00:04:46
15	pictures somewhere. And I have a photocopy of his	00:04:51
16	license, passport. St. Martin passport.	00:04:55
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay, good.	00:05:00
18	MR. BHAMBA: So I can send that to you,	00:05:01
19	that's not a problem.	00:05:03
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So the first time in	00:05:04
21	'98, the second time, do you remember when you got	00:05:05
22	that visa, or when you entered the United States?	00:05:07

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1	MR. BHAMBA: I think I got the visa before I	00:05:11
2	got arrested sometime in June 1999. May, June.	00:05:13
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. So this	00:05:19
4	time --	00:05:21
5	MR. BHAMBA: I got it for ten years.	00:05:21
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- when you	00:05:22
7	re-entered the United States with that other visa	00:05:23
8	you obtained by fraud --	00:05:25
9	MR. BHAMBA: And I stated --	00:05:27
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- what was it that	00:05:28
11	you entered? Do you know?	00:05:29
12	MR. BHAMBA: I entered after, you know,	00:05:30
13	after I got out, I entered soon after -- I was sent	00:05:32
14	back. Within a week I entered back in the States.	00:05:37
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Within a week.	00:05:42
16	MR. BHAMBA: And then I got married.	00:05:44
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Through JFK.	00:05:45
18	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. And then I got married.	00:05:46
19	Yes, sure, that was JFK. I got married.	00:05:47
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: You got married right	00:06:08
21	away?	00:06:10
22	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. Within two or three	00:06:10

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1	days.	00:06:12
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: More or less.	00:06:12
3	MR. BHAMBA: One, two, the boy whose mom	00:06:14
4	died, you know.	00:06:16
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. But what I am	00:06:17
6	saying, after admission, how soon after --	00:06:18
7	MR. BHAMBA: Three or four days. Two days,	00:06:21
8	within two days, I got married.	00:06:23
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: (Inaudible).	
10	MR. BHAMBA: According to -- not officially	00:06:25
11	married, but at a Sikh temple, through (inaudible).	00:06:27
12	And then I had a son in -- on September 11, two	00:06:41
13	thousand (inaudible).	00:06:51
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: This happened in	00:06:53
15	Ohio, right?	00:06:54
16	MR. BHAMBA: No, this happened in New York,	00:06:55
17	Flushing. Here in Flushing, New York. After 9/11	00:06:57
18	we went to Ohio. After 9/11, we moved to	00:07:03
19	New Jersey. And from New Jersey we moved to -- my	00:07:09
20	wife, his mom, the kids' mom didn't want me to do	00:07:15
21	anything to do with this. She said one of the	00:07:18
22	reasons, live your life, you don't have to, you	00:07:21

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1	know, do this. Get rid of all the money, and all	00:07:24
2	that you have or whatever.	00:07:26
3	I took care of whatever people are on the	00:07:30
4	way, I traveled twice after that marriage, for two,	00:07:32
5	three months, and I took care of all my money and	00:07:36
6	everything, give it back to the people, whatever	00:07:38
7	people were on the way. I gave the business to some	00:07:40
8	other person, and I walked away.	00:07:43
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. So we are	00:08:03
10	going to move on to -- in Cali -- where you work in	00:08:05
11	California, you said that you moved to -- before	00:08:11
12	going to Canada, you were in San Francisco. You	00:08:15
13	said you worked in a courier company and a hotel.	00:08:18
14	MR. BHAMBA: In California?	00:08:24
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: In California, San	00:08:25
16	Francisco.	00:08:26
17	MR. BHAMBA: No, I worked in a courier	00:08:27
18	company for about a month.	00:08:28
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: For about a month.	00:08:29
20	MR. BHAMBA: And my license was expiring, so	00:08:30
21	I didn't.	00:08:32
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And then you --	00:08:32

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1	MR. BHAMBA: And then afterwards there	00:08:33
2	was -- and it is past Antioch. If you can get me	00:08:38
3	the map of Antioch on your --	00:08:44
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: We'll find it.	00:08:46
5	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. It is past Antioch,	00:08:47
6	there's a small town. I have worked in there as a	00:08:49
7	manager for --	00:08:53
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: For a hotel.	00:08:53
9	MR. BHAMBA: -- for a hotel. And then I	00:08:54
10	worked at a Valero gas station in Hayward.	00:08:56
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: It's very important.	00:08:58
12	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:09:00
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Were you engaged in	00:09:00
14	any illegal activity while living in California?	00:09:01
15	Any illegal activity.	00:09:06
16	MR. BHAMBA: Nothing. Nothing. Didn't	00:09:08
17	touch anything, didn't do anything. Just worked at	00:09:09
18	a gas station. That's it. I don't smoke weed, I	00:09:12
19	don't -- only thing I did drink is alcohol once in a	00:09:16
20	blue moon. That, also, I was working, 14, 15 hours.	00:09:20
21	So I would only drink once in a whole week.	00:09:24
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:09:28

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1	MR. BHAMBA: And I was taking care of my	00:09:28
2	son. So I didn't want him to be -- you know, I was	00:09:30
3	along that.	00:09:33
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:09:35
5	MR. BHAMBA: And I worked straight as a	00:09:36
6	whistle. Straight as a whistle.	00:09:37
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:09:40
8	MR. BHAMBA: No illegal -- once I got out of	00:09:40
9	this job -- and my wife was very strict. She didn't	00:09:43
10	even -- during the six years she lived with me, she	00:09:47
11	didn't even let me use the phone to call any of my	00:09:50
12	relatives, any of my associates. She just went	00:09:54
13	(inaudible). And we were basically in touch with US	00:09:59
14	people, but no Indian people.	00:10:01
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:10:05
16	MR. BHAMBA: So all my group didn't even	00:10:06
17	know I existed, dead, or alive, or what. And it is	00:10:07
18	only in 2011 that I started talking to them, because	00:10:11
19	one of my ex brother-in-law, he got sick, and he was	00:10:15
20	diagnosed with kidney failure and all that. And	00:10:19
21	because of them, I got in touch with everybody.	00:10:22
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. Now, we did	00:10:27

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1	this already. You had already answered some of my	00:10:29
2	questions that I had pertaining to your entry into	00:10:34
3	the United States.	00:10:37
4	You indicated that you have plane tickets --	00:10:39
5	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:10:44
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- and/or information	00:10:45
7	for the aliens who were here previously removed. We	00:10:45
8	are going to get to that.	00:10:48
9	MR. BHAMBA: Uh-huh.	00:10:49
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: I am making sure	00:10:49
11	you -- possibly showing you some pictures, see if	00:10:50
12	you recognize anybody, the vessel names, and ports	00:10:53
13	of entry where they are living out of. This is	00:10:57
14	something that -- information that you can get --	00:11:00
15	MR. BHAMBA: I can.	00:11:02
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- for me.	00:11:02
17	MR. BHAMBA: I can.	00:11:03
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:11:03
19	MR. BHAMBA: When the people are leaving.	00:11:04
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. The phone	00:11:06
21	numbers, you know, we are going to get to that, you	00:11:06
22	know, to these individuals that are operating in	00:11:08

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1	other countries. As well as the phone numbers.	00:11:10
2	Any aliens that are currently stashed here	00:11:15
3	in the Dominican Republic?	00:11:19
4	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah, there's two.	00:11:21
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Two.	00:11:22
6	MR. BHAMBA: Two.	00:11:23
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Two individuals.	00:11:23
8	MR. BHAMBA: In Puerto Rico, in Puerto	00:11:24
9	Plata.	00:11:26
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: In Puerto Plata.	00:11:26
11	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:11:27
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: That are under your	00:11:28
13	custody?	00:11:29
14	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:11:30
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. And what	00:11:31
16	about --	00:11:32
17	MR. BHAMBA: And one of them belongs to --	00:11:32
18	is this guy's nephew.	00:11:35
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:11:37
20	MR. BHAMBA: And one --	00:11:38
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: One of the aliens	00:11:38
22	here is this guy's nephew?	00:11:39

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1	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:11:42
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And --	00:11:42
3	MR. BHAMBA: He was coming over here to	00:11:43
4	watch over my shoulder.	00:11:44
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. And he wants	00:11:47
6	to get to the United States?	00:11:47
7	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. Or Canada.	00:11:49
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And which one is the	00:11:50
9	other one?	00:11:51
10	MR. BHAMBA: And the other one is -- his	00:11:52
11	name is Depa (phonetic). Arma Deep (phonetic).	00:11:56
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Arma Deep? Is he	00:12:02
13	related to --	00:12:03
14	MR. BHAMBA: No, he's not.	00:12:05
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: He's not.	00:12:07
16	MR. BHAMBA: (Inaudible).	
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: (Inaudible) they	00:12:07
18	belong to you?	00:12:07
19	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:12:09
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Anyone -- any more	00:12:09
21	coming in the coming days?	00:12:10
22	MR. BHAMBA: They are coming. Four people	00:12:14

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1	are coming.	00:12:16
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: When?	00:12:17
3	MR. BHAMBA: They should -- I don't have	00:12:18
4	exact date for them, but any time soon.	00:12:19
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. And they are	00:12:24
6	living at your stash house, the one that you are	00:12:25
7	renting?	00:12:28
8	MR. BHAMBA: They will, they will.	00:12:28
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. But the ones	00:12:29
10	that are here now, they are living with you?	00:12:30
11	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. The (inaudible) -- not	00:12:33
12	with me.	00:12:34
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: There's another stash	00:12:35
14	house?	00:12:36
15	MR. BHAMBA: Yes. I'm still living with	00:12:37
16	Nassar (phonetic).	00:12:38
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: With Nassar?	00:12:39
18	MR. BHAMBA: Yes.	00:12:40
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. Does Nassar	00:12:40
20	know about the two that you have?	00:12:41
21	MR. BHAMBA: He does.	00:12:42
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Any other aliens	00:12:44

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1	living with you and Nassar -- what's his name again?	00:12:45
2	MR. BHAMBA: Nassar. They are, but they are	00:12:50
3	legal.	00:12:52
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: They are legal.	00:12:52
5	MR. BHAMBA: They work over here, and one	00:12:53
6	has a phone business and there is one or two.	00:12:56
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And you have their	00:13:00
8	information that we are going to get later on?	00:13:00
9	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah, yeah. No problem.	00:13:02
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Very good.	00:13:05
11	Curious, do you know an individual by the	00:13:07
12	name of Apesh (phonetic)? A smuggler?	00:13:09
13	MR. BHAMBA: Is he of Indian descent?	00:13:12
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Indian. Have you	00:13:14
15	heard of his name?	00:13:19
16	MR. BHAMBA: It is --	00:13:22
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Or is that a very	00:13:23
18	common last name, or first?	00:13:24
19	MR. BHAMBA: It is a last name?	00:13:26
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Or first name.	00:13:27
21	MR. BHAMBA: See, most of them get	00:13:30
22	(inaudible) names. Okay. The person who was over	00:13:32

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1	here who's doing this, and all, his name is Deraaj.	00:13:35
2	He's doing it big time from here to Puerto Rico.	00:13:40
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And this one?	00:13:43
4	MR. BHAMBA: Anton? Anton, that name sounds	00:13:44
5	familiar, I have heard it in the circles, but I	00:13:47
6	really don't think so, he's an Indian. He is	00:13:55
7	either -- Anton. This guy, Anton, is Bahamian. I	00:13:58
8	have heard that name, Anton, in the Bahamas. He has	00:14:05
9	something to do with the Bahamas. And he takes from	00:14:09
10	here -- people from here to go from here to cross	00:14:13
11	the border into Haiti, and then he gets them by boat	00:14:18
12	or -- and there's one Anton I know that, remember, I	00:14:24
13	told you, from Ocobb, there's a flight that goes	00:14:26
14	every week, or every two weeks, that's full of	00:14:31
15	illegals. And that is a highly sanctioned flight.	00:14:38
16	And, you know, when that flight goes, they get okay,	00:14:41
17	you know, people just wait over there in Ocobb, and	00:14:44
18	when they say, okay, you are ready, and, boom, they	00:14:46
19	all get, 32, 40 people. And most of the people that	00:14:49
20	you are ferrying back, thinking that they went by	00:14:53
21	boat. Anyone who gets caught, they don't show the	00:14:57
22	passport. And they are repatriated back, the	00:15:01

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1	Haitians. But, otherwise, they have a stamp on the	00:15:04
2	passport, it is a fake visa. They stamp the fake	00:15:08
3	visa, and they go deal with immigration, they get	00:15:11
4	out, and that's all.	00:15:14
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: All right. I got	00:15:21
6	some specific questions to ask you here about --	00:15:23
7	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. Well, here, you got	00:15:25
8	Nassar.	00:15:26
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:15:26
10	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. In DR, you got Nassar,	00:15:26
11	we got Jay --	00:15:30
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:15:31
13	MR. BHAMBA: -- all that circle.	00:15:32
14	And we got Deraj, and his person.	00:15:33
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Jay, right?	00:15:36
16	MR. BHAMBA: Jay. He's -- I got his	00:15:37
17	WhatsApp.	00:15:39
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Is he the Puerto	00:15:39
19	Rican one?	00:15:40
20	MR. BHAMBA: Yes, that's the Puerto Rican	00:15:41
21	one. And there's another -- St. Martin one. His	00:15:43
22	name is Javier. Javier.	00:15:47

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Is this one Javier?	00:15:52
2	MR. BHAMBA: No, no, this is Jay. I don't	00:15:54
3	know his real name. But the other one I seen is	00:15:56
4	Ali, his name is Javier. And then they stashed us	00:15:58
5	in a house with Mimi, in -- they have the people	00:16:09
6	stashed over there ready to go out. And Mimi and	00:16:13
7	(inaudible) in Puerto Padre.	00:16:24
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Puerto?	00:16:26
9	MR. BHAMBA: Padre. It is about one hour	00:16:27
10	from here.	00:16:28
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And how are they	00:16:30
12	taken to Puerto Rico?	00:16:31
13	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. What they do is they	00:16:32
14	take -- they take you to Barbara.	00:16:33
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Barbados?	00:16:38
16	MR. BHAMBA: No, no. Barbara. Barbara.	00:16:40
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Oh.	00:16:42
18	MR. BHAMBA: Barbara. There's a town over	00:16:43
19	here. They take you over there, they put you on a	00:16:45
20	cruise boat. They have an island that belongs to	00:16:47
21	the Dominican people. Okay. They put you over	00:16:52
22	there. And from there, the other boat comes in,	00:16:56

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1	speed boat, and it picks you up and takes you. So	00:16:58
2	you are almost two hours already close to there, and	00:17:03
3	they go, drop you at the beach, and come back.	00:17:07
4	And then there's that guy where I told you,	00:17:11
5	I had that number, and you can -- this is the number	00:17:13
6	I have for that guy. And this is where these people	00:17:17
7	are staying. They are staying at that guy's house.	00:17:22
8	He's an illegal alien, and he's an illegal alien,	00:17:30
9	and he's keeping them at his house here. That is	00:17:48
10	his -- that's his number in Puerto Rico.	00:17:54
11	And if you see, he's been online and all	00:18:00
12	that. This is where eight people are. And they	00:18:06
13	have applied for political asylum, okay. But there	00:18:09
14	are 26 people, more over here now, that have not	00:18:13
15	applied. Just gone there in the last few days.	00:18:18
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. I would like	00:18:23
17	to go back to --	00:18:29
18	MR. BHAMBA: And Asif (phonetic) was also,	00:18:31
19	Asif, this guy who got in touch with Ali, okay, Asif	00:18:35
20	is also -- he had a -- the main reason I got in	00:18:40
21	touch with him was in those days people were just	00:18:45
22	coming to the United States, and they were leaving	00:18:48

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1       them in the airport. He had a guy in JFK who was --  
2       not to now, this is in '93. He had a Pakistanis guy  
3       who was a naturalized citizen, or born citizen, I  
4       don't know, but he was a contact over here, he would  
5       charge us a thousand dollars. And he would just let  
6       the people go instantly, whether they were deported,  
7       whether they were had fingerprints matched,  
8       whatever. That guy, he lived over there in the  
9       Bronx somewhere. And he collected the money from  
10      me, and from Asif. And he was Asif's contact. And  
11      Asif knew -- he knows Spanish, and he knows a couple  
12      of other languages, too.

13           SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: I am going to move  
14      back to the load of aliens, the 26 that we were  
15      discussing yesterday.

16           Do you remember there were 26, and I guess  
17      one of them died, right?

18           MR. BHAMBA: No, no, no.

19           SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Oh --

20           MR. BHAMBA: That was the second load.

21           SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Oh, that was the  
22      second load?

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1	MR. BHAMBA: There were six of them.	00:20:01
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: The six of them,	00:20:02
3	okay.	00:20:02
4	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. Out of the five --	00:20:03
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Let's go to that	00:20:04
6	load.	00:20:05
7	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. Five of them are in the	00:20:05
8	Bahamas, Nassau detention center.	00:20:08
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:20:10
10	MR. BHAMBA: The names are --	00:20:10
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Do you have their	00:20:11
12	names?	00:20:12
13	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:20:12
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: What are their names?	00:20:12
15	MR. BHAMBA: The names are Gul Depak Singh	00:20:14
16	(phonetic).	00:20:21
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: I want you -- why	00:20:22
18	don't you go and write them here. One, two, three,	00:20:23
19	four, five.	00:20:25
20	Okay. So you have the names of the aliens	00:00:00
21	that were part of the load --	00:00:03
22	MR. BHAMBA: Uh-huh.	00:00:07

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- where the	00:00:07
2	individual died.	00:00:08
3	MR. BHAMBA: Uh-huh.	00:00:11
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: You have provided me	00:00:12
5	a list of all their names, okay. You have the	00:00:13
6	pictures and copies of the --	00:00:18
7	MR. BHAMBA: Yes.	00:00:20
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- bio page.	00:00:20
9	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah, I can send them to you.	00:00:21
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Yeah. We will get to	00:00:23
11	that. I will give you a specific e-mail for you to	00:00:25
12	send that, and we can probably forward -- do you	00:00:28
13	have something --	00:00:31
14	MR. BHAMBA: No, I don't -- I can't send it	00:00:32
15	on e-mail. I have to send it through WhatsApp.	00:00:33
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: WhatsApp? Okay.	00:00:35
17	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:00:36
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. Well, then	00:00:37
19	we'll do that, we'll do that momentarily.	00:00:37
20	Now, are you in contact with the boat	00:00:42
21	captain that was the one responsible --	00:00:46
22	MR. BHAMBA: Uh-huh.	00:00:50

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: The one that actually	00:00:50
2	drove the boat?	00:00:51
3	MR. BHAMBA: Uh-huh.	00:00:52
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: The sail on that boat	00:00:53
5	that day?	00:00:54
6	MR. BHAMBA: Uh-huh.	00:00:54
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And that's --	00:00:55
8	MR. BHAMBA: Columbo.	00:00:56
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Columbo.	00:00:57
10	MR. BHAMBA: Uh-huh.	00:00:57
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. So how many	00:00:57
12	times have you spoken with him after that incident?	00:01:02
13	MR. BHAMBA: I have spoken to him a couple	00:01:05
14	of times. Ten, 15.	00:01:06
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Does he openly talk	00:01:08
16	to you about that incident?	00:01:09
17	MR. BHAMBA: Yes. Yes, he talks to me.	00:01:10
18	He's even cried. I have his recording. Marcia sent	00:01:11
19	that to me.	00:01:15
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: You have the	00:01:16
21	recording of him crying?	00:01:16
22	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:01:18

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Saying that, what?	00:01:18
2	Saying what?	00:01:19
3	MR. BHAMBA: Saying, man, everyone get	00:01:20
4	caught. And, you know, and I didn't want to do	00:01:21
5	that, and, you know, I don't know what happened,	00:01:24
6	and --	00:01:28
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Is he currently	00:01:28
8	saying that the individual died in there?	00:01:29
9	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah, he's saying he had a	00:01:31
10	heart attack and he start vomiting blood and all	00:01:33
11	that. He's describing that.	00:01:37
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. What about	00:01:42
13	Marcia? Do you have any recording conversations of	00:01:42
14	Marcia --	00:01:47
15	MR. BHAMBA: (Inaudible).	
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- alluding to that	00:01:48
17	incident?	00:01:49
18	MR. BHAMBA: Yes, a lot of -- a coming,	00:01:50
19	going, and all that. And Marcia cursed me out all	00:01:52
20	on this. If you give me WhatsApp --	00:01:56
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And what will you	00:01:59
22	save -- why do you save that?	00:02:01

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1	MR. BHAMBA: Huh?	00:02:03
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Why do you record the	00:02:03
3	conversation?	00:02:05
4	MR. BHAMBA: No, she -- she sends me a	00:02:06
5	recording, it's there.	00:02:07
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:02:08
7	MR. BHAMBA: I don't recall any conversation	00:02:09
8	(inaudible).	
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: She recorded that	00:02:11
10	conversation. Who recorded the conversation	00:02:12
11	between --	00:02:14
12	MR. BHAMBA: Marcia.	00:02:15
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Marcia was the one	00:02:15
14	who recorded it?	00:02:16
15	MR. BHAMBA: And she sent it back.	00:02:17
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And she sent it to	00:02:18
17	you?	00:02:23
18	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:02:23
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And --	00:02:23
20	MR. BHAMBA: You can send a voice message,	00:02:23
21	or you can send a typed message.	00:02:25
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Oh, you can send a	00:02:26

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1	voice message.	00:02:27
2	MR. BHAMBA: So there was a voice message	00:02:28
3	that he sent her --	00:02:29
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Oh, okay.	00:02:30
5	MR. BHAMBA: And he forwarded it to me.	00:02:30
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: I understand now.	00:02:31
7	MR. BHAMBA: I have Curtis' number, I have	00:02:36
8	talked to him. But he said don't talk to him, he	00:02:37
9	is, you know, a high ranking official, and he	00:02:40
10	doesn't want to talk to me.	00:02:43
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So Curtis, the	00:02:45
12	government -- the immigration official in Nassau --	00:02:46
13	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:02:50
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- had something to	00:02:50
15	do with that --	00:02:51
16	MR. BHAMBA: Everything. Everything. He's	00:02:52
17	part of it.	00:02:54
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: He's part of it.	00:02:55
19	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. And, basically, there's	00:02:55
20	a whole bunch of them very --	00:02:57
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So what did Curtis do	00:02:59
22	for that particular -- what did he do?	00:03:02

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1	MR. BHAMBA: He took them out of the	00:03:04
2	airport, he landed them.	00:03:05
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: The six individuals.	00:03:07
4	MR. BHAMBA: Yes.	00:03:08
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Including the one	00:03:08
6	that died?	00:03:09
7	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. He landed them, and then	00:03:11
8	now there are people over there who are going to	00:03:13
9	help them. I can talk inside right now, to the	00:03:15
10	prisoners.	00:03:20
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh. Have	00:03:24
12	communication there?	00:03:24
13	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. But if you tell anyone,	00:03:27
14	they are going to go to (inaudible), but it is not	00:03:28
15	going to serve any purpose.	00:03:30
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: No.	00:03:31
17	MR. BHAMBA: But I can right now, I can talk	00:03:31
18	to them, and if you want to --	00:03:34
19	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And why's that? Who	00:03:35
20	arranged for that? Do they have a cell phone in	00:03:37
21	there?	00:03:40
22	MR. BHAMBA: Yes, they have a cell phone.	00:03:40

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay. So who	00:03:41
2	arranged for that?	00:03:42
3	MR. BHAMBA: Marcia and (inaudible) and	00:03:43
4	immigration.	00:03:46
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Marcia. And	00:03:47
6	immigration.	00:03:48
7	MR. BHAMBA: See, if you are going to get	00:03:49
8	them like this, you are only going to get the tip.	00:03:51
9	If you start an operation, you will get the route	00:03:54
10	cause. Because, see, both of the fellow come	00:03:58
11	together. And I am in your payroll, I am working	00:04:01
12	for you, all are coming to me. I am protected. I	00:04:08
13	know no one's going to kill me. You know, if	00:04:11
14	anything gets tough, we play our cards very coolly,	00:04:15
15	when everyone is there, we send one load, two loads,	00:04:18
16	more people come.	00:04:22
17	See, it's like flies. You put the honey in	00:04:23
18	there, all the flies are going to come there. If	00:04:27
19	you want to catch one fly, two flies, everyone is	00:04:30
20	going to be back in business in 14, ten days. If	00:04:34
21	you put some honey in there, you get the whole	00:04:37
22	mother load, Marcia, including whatever and	00:04:40

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1       whatever, don't think no one knows anything. I have       00:04:43  
2       requested Marcia, I want to come over there, and I       00:04:46  
3       am afraid of Paul, you know, and let me manage this       00:04:49  
4       over there.       00:04:51

5               Once we get, two, or three load or one load       00:04:52  
6       of Paul, okay, let's say, those five over there,       00:04:54  
7       they are Paul. Let's say we get them out from       00:05:01  
8       there. Okay. The US says we don't want anything to       00:05:04  
9       do, or we send them to Canada, Cuba, and then Cuba,       00:05:07  
10       she gets the visa and brings them back.       00:05:10

11               Now, we already knows these people. We have       00:05:13  
12       the passports. We have everything. They come back       00:05:15  
13       from there, we put a tracer on them, all right.       00:05:18  
14       Where's going, now I am over there. I am going to       00:05:21  
15       check the boat, I don't want them to die. See.       00:05:24

16               So they are going to take me along. And I       00:05:30  
17       am going to get pictures and all. Let them go. Now       00:05:34  
18       you know who's going out. And then four more guys       00:05:37  
19       are going to come. Once it is a little well known       00:05:40  
20       secret that I am operating from there, all the bugs       00:05:44  
21       are going to come out crawling to the same source.       00:05:47  
22       Then you put your net, get all the immigration guys.       00:05:52

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1	Every time they are coming, you know which flight	00:05:56
2	they are coming on. You have the passport. You	00:05:58
3	have everything. You are going to put a camera over	00:06:01
4	there without the Bahamians knowing, okay, and	00:06:03
5	record everything.	00:06:06
6	Now you got all the dirty cops and everyone,	00:06:09
7	lock, stock and barrel. You have a case. No one is	00:06:13
8	going to run away on hearsay. They are going to	00:06:16
9	claim innocence. They are going to pay a fine.	00:06:24
10	Yes, they might be out of a job. But then, you	00:06:27
11	know, it's the islands. They'll be back again	00:06:29
12	somewhere else. And it is not that they are doing	00:06:31
13	this solely, they are doing drugs and all that, and	00:06:35
14	this is part of it.	00:06:37
15	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:06:45
16	MR. BHAMBA: I am willing to see, as long as	00:06:46
17	my son is protected, okay. I don't even say --	00:06:48
18	okay. I am willing to take that risk that, you	00:06:51
19	know, put him up in foster care, where he would get	00:06:54
20	a good schooling. That's all. Nice parent. And,	00:06:57
21	you know, that's fine with me. So he's in your	00:07:00
22	custody. That's my weakness. And I know he's safe,	00:07:03

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1	okay.	00:07:09
2	I know the US government, no matter what, if	00:07:09
3	something happens to me, accidentally or whatever,	00:07:11
4	you know, my son is going to be taken care of. I'm	00:07:15
5	at peace with that. I want to pay my due to the	00:07:18
6	society. And I don't want my son to remember me	00:07:23
7	like that. If push comes to shove, you know, I was	00:07:26
8	working for the government, got killed, you know,	00:07:30
9	that will be --	00:07:33
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: I totally understand	00:07:35
11	your concerns, Mr. Bhamba.	00:07:38
12	THE COURT: And this, you can, okay, if you	00:07:41
13	can -- you want to use me for three years, four	00:07:43
14	years, five years, six years, you can set me up in,	00:07:46
15	you know. It is not that my son is crying for me or	00:07:51
16	whatever. I go back to -- it is not that, you know,	00:07:55
17	I just visit my son, wherever he is.	00:07:59
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: How much money was --	00:08:02
19	who was supposed to get the -- going back to that	00:08:03
20	load of six people where this individual died.	00:08:09
21	MR. BHAMBA: They were supposed to --	00:08:11
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Who's supposed to get	00:08:11

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1	the fee, the smuggler fee or whatever payment for	00:08:13
2	the individual that died?	00:08:15
3	MR. BHAMBA: Okay.	00:08:17
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Who's supposed to get	00:08:17
5	paid for that, you or Marcia?	00:08:18
6	MR. BHAMBA: Marcia. She already got paid.	00:08:20
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And she got paid for	00:08:23
8	that?	00:08:24
9	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:08:25
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Even though the guy	00:08:25
11	didn't make it --	00:08:26
12	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. She said that money got	00:08:27
13	given to Columbo, this, that, and she paid officials	00:08:30
14	bribes to get them the phones, get them out of	00:08:33
15	(inaudible) --	
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And why you didn't	00:08:36
17	get paid?	00:08:37
18	MR. BHAMBA: I get paid when they reach over	00:08:40
19	there. That's -- depending -- I am independent of	00:08:42
20	Paul.	00:08:46
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So Marcia gets paid	00:08:46
22	while when they transfer through there --	00:08:47

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1	MR. BHAMBA: Marcia doesn't even touch them	00:08:49
2	until she doesn't get the payment.	00:08:50
3	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: I see what you're	00:08:54
4	saying.	00:08:55
5	MR. BHAMBA: I am the only slob who gets it	00:08:56
6	at the end.	00:08:58
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So she did her part,	00:08:59
8	she conspired and --	00:09:00
9	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. I am supposed to get	00:09:02
10	partner with Paul, and now that Paul has me by the	00:09:03
11	balls, I am lucky to get anything. If I asked him	00:09:06
12	for 1,000 dollars, he sends me 200 dollars.	00:09:16
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So that particular	00:09:21
14	load, you were supposed to get paid for Dall Wall	00:09:22
15	(phonetic) --	00:09:26
16	MR. BHAMBA: Yes.	00:09:27
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: -- if he would have	00:09:27
18	made it to the United States?	00:09:27
19	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:09:30
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Since he did not make	00:09:31
21	it, and went back with the other four and the	00:09:32
22	deceased, you're out of luck?	00:09:34

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1	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:09:39
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:09:39
3	MR. BHAMBA: While I was in India, I tried	00:09:40
4	to get him out to Canada from Jamaica. And he got	00:09:41
5	arrested on fake documents. So that cost me another	00:09:45
6	10,000 dollars. So most of my money was -- he's	00:09:49
7	being tried to get out from there twice. And when I	00:09:52
8	was arrested, I was bringing his documents, I was	00:09:56
9	arrested with four documents in Curacao. Three	00:10:00
10	documents, and one of the documents was his. So	00:10:03
11	that was also lost. So it is just be my bad luck.	00:10:09
12	Okay, little did I know that I was being set	00:10:13
13	up by the same individuals because they didn't want	00:10:15
14	me to do things on my own. They wanted me to do	00:10:18
15	everything through them, and work with them. So,	00:10:22
16	eventually, I was able to get rid of four or five or	00:10:26
17	six guys of my own, through their help, Paul's help.	00:10:29
18	But then Paul by that time he had me in his	00:10:34
19	clutches, he got to -- I knew Marcia's number, he	00:10:36
20	said, you know, what kind of trust is this, you	00:10:40
21	know, you don't give me Marcia number and all, and,	00:10:42
22	you know, something happens to you, you are a heart	00:10:46

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1	patient, give me that number. And he started	00:10:47
2	talking to Marcia alone.	00:10:50
3	Marcia was -- then I started figuring out	00:10:53
4	the whole thing, you know, then he started	00:10:55
5	threatening me. And I started, you know, thinking,	00:10:58
6	man, what the fuck did I get into. Then the guilty	00:11:01
7	conscience started hitting me. What I have done. I	00:11:04
8	put my son in their clutches. I fucked of myself.	00:11:06
9	I had a life. Okay, it is not that I did it for my	00:11:10
10	son. It was mind read. I wanted a wife. I wanted	00:11:14
11	a lady. I wanted some happiness in my life. Not	00:11:17
12	for my son, but it was a need. He had need.	00:11:21
13	I was working at a gas station, and he was	00:11:24
14	happy. If I could have done it for six years, why	00:11:26
15	couldn't I have done it for another six years. I	00:11:29
16	could have gotten, you know, grown-up.	00:11:31
17	So then the guilt conscience and everything,	00:11:36
18	and the guilty conscience is that, you know, his	00:11:38
19	mother died. And she was the best lady that I had.	00:11:40
20	You know, she got me out of there. She didn't want	00:11:44
21	me to do anything bad or anything. She was very	00:11:47
22	kind. She was kind to my ex-wife, whose children,	00:11:50

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1	my real children, you know, back from when first	00:11:53
2	marriage, and she took care of my daughter. And	00:11:56
3	then it's all, you know, the guilt conscience that,	00:12:01
4	you know, this is -- when they threaten me that they	00:12:04
5	are going to kill me son and all that, you know,	00:12:07
6	this is not worth it. If I have to sacrifice	00:12:10
7	myself, worse come, whatever going to happen.	00:12:12
8	The US going to throw me into jail, no	00:12:16
9	problem. But at least my son is going to be out.	00:12:17
10	So it is not that -- that's what I am not afraid of	00:12:21
11	standing all this.	00:12:26
12	See, the thing is, I am 50. What can I do	00:12:27
13	now? I can't do (inaudible). And in that process,	00:12:31
14	on my death bed, what am I going to do? (Inaudible)	00:12:37
15	already. What am I going to do? The guilt that	00:12:39
16	I -- use my son? A helpless 13 year old guy that I	00:12:45
17	left in there.	00:12:53
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: I totally understand	00:12:54
19	you, sir. And I respect you --	00:12:58
20	MR. BHAMBA: I talk about killing myself.	00:12:59
21	To tell you the truth.	00:13:02
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: No, no, it is not	00:13:03

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1	worth it.	00:13:06
2	MR. BHAMBA: I tried my best. I even talked	00:13:07
3	to (inaudible), that if they could somehow pick him	00:13:09
4	up, and I would end my life. Everything. But the	00:13:15
5	department doesn't -- they say bring him over here.	00:13:17
6	Bring him to the (inaudible).	00:13:21
7	And people don't understand what kind of a	00:13:25
8	problem I have. If they could have known that, I	00:13:28
9	would have killed myself. I was ready to pull the	00:13:31
10	plug and be done.	00:13:33
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Listen, sir, this I	00:13:38
12	can tell you, sir. I mean, you are doing the right	00:13:43
13	thing by coming forward, okay. I do respect that,	00:13:46
14	okay. And I am going to do everything that I can	00:13:49
15	do -- possibly, to help you out. And if I don't	00:13:54
16	know the answer, if I don't know -- I am going to	00:13:57
17	find out, okay. We are going to find out what we	00:14:00
18	can do and we are going to tell you as soon as	00:14:02
19	possible, okay.	00:14:05
20	MR. BHAMBA: Okay.	00:14:06
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: As we previously	00:14:07
22	discussed.	00:14:08

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1	MR. BHAMBA: Because these guys, you know,	00:14:09
2	okay, I got them by the balls until those five over	00:14:10
3	there. Once these five go, and this guy, they are	00:14:12
4	going to be taking him to Colombia or something, or	00:14:16
5	to Guyana, then I have no control. Now is the time	00:14:19
6	that if he can show them something, like move these	00:14:25
7	five around and show them, then we got them at their	00:14:30
8	game. We laid the trap. And once Paul bites the	00:14:35
9	bullet, and we can move into, you know, twice, I can	00:14:39
10	say, oh. I got visa for Colombia, I've got a	00:14:44
11	Colombian visa, I am going manage that. He knows I	00:14:47
12	am good at that. He knows I have contracts, okay.	00:14:49
13	The biggest drawback all these people have is, I am	00:14:54
14	very good at English, I'm very good at recognizing	00:14:57
15	where the bad guy is.	00:15:01
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: But this is my thing.	00:15:04
17	I mean, you had that issue with those five people,	00:15:05
18	and you have not gotten paid for those five. But,	00:15:08
19	still, they are giving you more people. You are	00:15:10
20	here, they are sending people.	00:15:13
21	MR. BHAMBA: No, that's a different group.	00:15:15
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: It is a different	00:15:17

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1	group.	00:15:18
2	MR. BHAMBA: Yes. Different. That's Gogie.	00:15:19
3	Gogie is sending people. See, all these -- these	00:15:20
4	are -- okay. This is how it works.	00:15:23
5	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay, but the five --	00:15:25
6	the five here, and you might have said it before,	00:15:26
7	but I am kind of confused with all the information.	00:15:29
8	The five that we're discussing here, belong to --	00:15:32
9	MR. BHAMBA: Belong to Paul.	00:15:34
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: To Paul.	00:15:36
11	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:15:36
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Now, these two that	00:15:37
13	are here, the two that are here.	00:15:37
14	MR. BHAMBA: They are also -- one belongs to	00:15:40
15	Paul.	00:15:42
16	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So one belongs to	00:15:42
17	Paul. So I am saying, even though -- so Paul must	00:15:43
18	know that --	00:15:46
19	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. He knows I can get it	00:15:47
20	out. But he's just waiting for the miracle. He	00:15:48
21	knows I have something stashed up. I also do	00:15:52
22	Canada. So there is a source that can get them to	00:15:57

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1	Canada from here.	00:16:01
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So when you say	00:16:03
3	waiting for a miracle, what do you mean by that?	00:16:03
4	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. He knows that I -- I am	00:16:05
5	holding back something, and I know my people, I am	00:16:08
6	going to get the people to Canada or some place.	00:16:11
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So that -- my point	00:16:13
8	is, that they still trust you.	00:16:15
9	MR. BHAMBA: They trust me.	00:16:16
10	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And they want to work	00:16:17
11	with you.	00:16:18
12	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah, they want to work with	00:16:18
13	me. They don't want to be left out because they	00:16:20
14	know I know too much, and I know people around here,	00:16:23
15	I've worked with this area so much. So only thing I	00:16:25
16	have, Marcia's fucked me up. If these five people	00:16:28
17	had gone out, I would have 50 people over here. But	00:16:31
18	this is not to say that, you know, I had come to --	00:16:36
19	before this even happened --	00:16:41
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So now -- are you --	00:16:43
21	when was the last time you talked to Marcia?	00:16:43
22	MR. BHAMBA: Marcia got in last night.	00:16:45

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1	Here.	00:16:47
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And what's the excuse	00:16:47
3	she gave you for these five, not to get them out	00:16:49
4	or --	00:16:51
5	MR. BHAMBA: Oh, no, she's willing to get	00:16:51
6	them out. I told her not to. I said, don't do it	00:16:53
7	this way. I am going to get my guy out, and I am	00:16:58
8	going to bring him to Cuba and try to get him over	00:17:01
9	here, to Santo Domingo. Then, otherwise, these guys	00:17:04
10	will go back. Because if they go, then I lose	00:17:09
11	control, but --	00:17:13
12	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: If they go to -- if	00:17:17
13	they go, meaning --	00:17:17
14	MR. BHAMBA: To Guyana, then I am out of	00:17:18
15	touch with Paul is going to be out of my hair sight.	00:17:20
16	Then I have to do something --	00:17:25
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Well, now you're in	00:17:26
18	contact with Paul because of that one that you have	00:17:27
19	here.	00:17:29
20	MR. BHAMBA: One that I have over here and	00:17:30
21	the five over there. He's dependent on me. Here is	00:17:31
22	Marcia last night.	00:17:39

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1	Okay. Paul is -- see, that was the	00:17:42
2	conversation I showed you from her brother, in Turks	00:17:56
3	and Caicos, and that was last night. And she told	00:18:04
4	me she paid off immigration. So I have -- it is not	00:18:11
5	a joke. She has paid off immigration. And they are	00:18:14
6	giving them food and everything and everything.	00:18:18
7	This is what --	00:18:20
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Okay.	00:18:22
9	MR. BHAMBA: -- she has suggested. Send	00:18:23
10	them to Cuba.	00:18:24
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Uh-huh.	00:18:26
12	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. And afterwards you send	00:18:26
13	them to Cuba. I will get them out from there, and	00:18:28
14	this is -- I said, can you send them to Canada, one	00:18:32
15	boat. She said, no, they're just going to take a	00:18:36
16	couple of days.	00:18:38
17	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So this would be a	00:18:39
18	solution for you?	00:18:40
19	MR. BHAMBA: Uh-huh.	00:18:42
20	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: That will be a	00:18:42
21	solution for you?	00:18:43
22	MR. BHAMBA: Oh, yeah.	00:18:44

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1	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Get them out of	00:18:44
2	there --	00:18:45
3	MR. BHAMBA: Get them out. Once I get them	00:18:45
4	out, by I didn't have any knowledge. Mr. Larko	00:18:46
5	didn't give me any instruction what to do.	00:18:50
6	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: I understand.	00:18:52
7	MR. BHAMBA: I have to keep the status quo.	00:18:53
8	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: I understand. I	00:18:54
9	understand. Yeah, you did the right thing.	00:18:55
10	MR. BHAMBA: So now I --	00:18:57
11	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Larko told you don't	00:18:57
12	do anything, that's what you do.	00:18:58
13	MR. BHAMBA: Yes.	00:19:00
14	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Perfect. So --	00:19:00
15	MR. BHAMBA: So now I started, since	00:19:01
16	yesterday when we met, I started moving these.	00:19:03
17	Before I was just trying to hold them.	00:19:06
18	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: So if you moved -- it	00:19:08
19	would have moved those to Cuba.	00:19:09
20	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah.	00:19:12
21	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And from Cuba, they	00:19:12
22	are going to go --	00:19:13

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1	MR. BHAMBA: Back to Bahamas.	00:19:15
2	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Back to Bahamas.	00:19:16
3	MR. BHAMBA: Okay. And they get out.	00:19:17
4	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: And from Bahamas they	00:19:18
5	are going to be --	00:19:19
6	MR. BHAMBA: To --	00:19:21
7	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: US.	
8	MR. BHAMBA: US, okay. And --	00:19:21
9	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Once they make it	00:19:22
10	over there, you are going to get your money.	00:19:24
11	MR. BHAMBA: I am going to get my money,	00:19:26
12	and, plus --	00:19:27
13	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: You were taken back.	00:19:28
14	MR. BHAMBA: -- all the people -- taken	00:19:29
15	back, okay.	00:19:31
16	Then if I go to -- I get these two guys over	00:19:31
17	here, I get them aboard the -- if we can somehow	00:19:34
18	arrange it, I have one guy whose name is Fernando.	00:19:39
19	He used to be in the Bahamas. I know him from that	00:19:43
20	way. Okay. He's my contact over here. He is	00:19:45
21	English to Spanish.	00:19:48
22	SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: Fernando's here in	00:19:51

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1	DR?	00:19:51
2	MR. BHAMBA: Yeah. He's in DR, right now	00:19:52
3	over here in Santo Domingo. Now, that guy is	00:19:54
4	promising me that he can get me a Colombian visa for	00:19:56
5	1,800 dollars. Okay. If I can get the -- that	00:20:00
6	visa, or even if for now, we can put a good word	00:20:03
7	with some of the Colombian, but if you want to catch	00:20:09
8	the Colombian who's giving us 18, then we have to go	00:20:12
9	that way. But if somehow we can get the Colombian	00:20:16
10	visa, or if you can put US visa on the passport or	00:20:18
11	anything, or a British visa, you know, which is they	00:20:24
12	won't be able to use it, but by the British visa,	00:20:30
13	they are allowed entry, based on, you know, to	00:20:34
14	Colombia.	00:20:37
15	Okay. Once they enter Colombia, then I can	00:20:38
16	get the rest, ten and all that. I can get those	00:20:41
17	real -- I can get into the Mexico flow.	00:20:45
18	Okay. This gentleman that you showed me the	00:20:50
19	picture, I am 99.9 percent -- see, I get to talk to	00:20:54
20	all of them. It is in my own with them, okay. I	00:20:57
21	have all the, you know. If they send a message,	00:21:00
22	it's there. If it is a text, it is there. If they	00:21:04

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1	are talk to me in Skype, it's there, okay.	00:21:07
2	And Tinda's over there, okay. Ali has sent	00:21:10
3	me a message. Gary, I have -- I don't have the	00:21:14
4	contact number on this phone, but I had it earlier,	00:21:17
5	but I can get his information.	00:21:20
6	Okay. The person that I was talking to who	00:21:22
7	can get me the IDs from there, I don't have his	00:21:24
8	phone number, but I can -- his name is Chris, okay.	00:21:28
9	He is of Filipino descent, but he is a US citizen.	00:21:32
10	And I can get Chris' number from Avi (phonetic).	00:21:36
11	Avi is a friend of my wife. And he used to do drugs	00:21:41
12	smuggling, and he was caught by the US, and they	00:21:46
13	confiscated all his trucks and everything, but he	00:21:49
14	managed to get out after two years with a legal	00:21:52
15	battle and bond and all. And he's a Canadian	00:21:55
16	citizen.	00:21:59
17	Now he's back in the US, you know, he's	00:22:00
18	starting his business there. But he's made enough	00:22:04
19	money, he's stashed away, through the drug	00:22:07
20	operations. And what's his name, Chris used to be a	00:22:09
21	part of that group. But now Chris used to do human	00:22:13
22	smuggling, also. So Chris wanted to know Marcia. I	00:22:18

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1 introduced Chris to Marcia. Marcia's also in touch 00:22:22

2 with him. 00:22:25

3 But he's the document's guy. He can get you 00:22:27

4 a driving license, he can get you a passport for the 00:22:28

5 right price. 00:22:29

6 SPECIAL AGENT APONTE: I am going to pause 00:22:29

7 this real quick. 00:22:30

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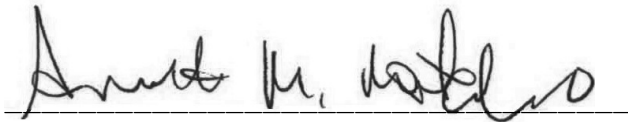
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